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1. Introduction

Purpose of this Report

This report documents the objectives, analytical approach and development of the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) Commercial Sector Demand Module. The report catalogues and describes the model assumptions, computational methodology, parameter estimation techniques, model source code, and forecast results generated through the synthesis and scenario development based on these components.

This document serves three purposes. First, it is a reference document providing a detailed description for model analysts, users, and the public. Second, this report meets the legal requirement of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to provide adequate documentation in support of its models (*Public Law 93-275, section 57.b.1*). Third, it facilitates continuity in model development by providing documentation from which energy analysts can undertake model enhancements, data updates, and parameter refinements as future projects.

Model Summary

The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module is a simulation tool based upon economic and engineering relationships that models commercial sector energy demands at the nine Census division level of detail for eleven distinct categories of commercial buildings. Commercial equipment selections are performed for the major fuels of electricity, natural gas, and distillate fuel, for the major services of space heating, space cooling, water heating, ventilation, cooking, refrigeration, and lighting. The market segment level of detail is modeled using a constrained life-cycle cost minimization algorithm that considers commercial sector consumer behavior and time preference premiums. The algorithm also models demand for the minor fuels of residual oil, liquefied petroleum gas, steam coal, motor gasoline, and kerosene, the renewable fuel sources of wood, municipal solid waste, and solar energy, and the minor services of office equipment (with a separate breakout of personal computers) and "other" in less detail than the major fuels and services. Commercial decisions regarding the use of distributed generation and combined heat and power (CHP) technologies are performed using an endogenous positive cash-flow algorithm. Numerous specialized considerations are incorporated, including the effects of changing building shell efficiencies, and consumption to provide district services.

As a component of the NEMS integrated forecasting tool, the Commercial Module generates mid-term forecasts of commercial sector energy demand. The model facilitates policy analysis of energy markets, technological development, environmental issues, and regulatory development as they impact commercial sector energy demand.

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Organization of this Report

Chapter 2 of this report discusses the purpose of the model, detailing its objectives, primary input and output quantities, and the relationship of the Commercial Module to the other modules of the NEMS system. Chapter 3 of the report describes the rationale behind the model design, providing insights into further assumptions utilized in the model development process to this point. Chapter 4 details the model structure, using graphics and text to illustrate model flows and key computations.

The Appendices to this report provide supporting documentation for the input data and parameter files currently residing on the EIA computing platform. Appendix A lists and defines the input data used to generate parameter estimates and endogenous forecasts, along with the parameter estimates and the outputs of most relevance to the NEMS system and the model evaluation process. A table referencing the equation(s) in which each variable appears

is also provided in Appendix A. Appendix B contains a mathematical description of the computational algorithms, including the complete set of model equations and variable transformations. Appendix C is a bibliography of reference materials used in the development process. Appendix D provides the model abstract, and Appendix E discusses data quality and estimation methods. A discussion of the sensitivity of the model outputs to variations in fuel prices is presented in “Price Responsiveness in the *AEO2003* NEMS Residential and Commercial Buildings Sector Models,” available at EIA’s web site.¹ Other analyses discussing alternate assumptions, sensitivities, and uncertainties in forecasts developed using the NEMS Commercial Demand Module are available at EIA’s web site.²

¹See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/analysispaper/elasticity/index.html>.

²See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/demand.html>.

2. Model Purpose

Model Objectives

The NEMS Commercial Sector Module serves three objectives. First, it develops mid-term forecasts of commercial sector energy demand, currently through 2025³, as a component of the NEMS integrated forecasting system. The resulting forecast is incorporated into the *Annual Energy Outlook*, published annually by the Energy Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Second, it is used as a policy analysis tool to assess the impacts on commercial sector energy consumption of changes in energy markets, building and equipment technologies, environmental considerations and regulatory initiatives. Third, as an integral component of the NEMS system, it provides inputs to the Electricity Market Module, Coal Market Module, Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module, and Petroleum Market Module of NEMS, contributing to the calculation of the overall energy supply and demand balance of the U.S. energy market.

The Commercial Sector Demand Module projects commercial sector energy demands in five sequential steps. These steps produce forecasts of new and surviving commercial building floorspace, demands for energy-consuming services in those buildings, generation of electricity by distributed generation technologies, technology choices to meet the end-use service demands, and consumption of electricity, natural gas, and distillate oil by the equipment chosen.⁴ These forecasts are based on energy prices and macroeconomic variables from the NEMS system, combined with external data sources.

Forecasted commercial sector fuel demands generated by the Commercial Sector Demand Module are used by the NEMS system in the calculation of the supply and demand equilibrium state. In addition, the NEMS supply modules referenced previously use the commercial sector outputs in conjunction with other projected sectoral demands to determine the patterns of consumption and the resulting amounts and prices of energy delivered to the commercial sector.

³The base year for the Commercial Module is currently 1999, corresponding to the last available energy consumption survey of commercial buildings. Dynamic forecasts dependent on feedback from the rest of NEMS are made for the years 2000 through 2025, whereas consumption results reported for 1990 through 1999 are historical.

⁴The End-Use Consumption Module accounts for commercial sector consumption of five minor fuels. These fuels do not account for enough commercial sector consumption to justify modeling at the same level of detail as the three major fuels (distillate fuel oil, natural gas, and electricity). The five minor fuels are residual fuel oil, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), coal, motor gasoline and kerosene.

Of equal importance, the NEMS Commercial Sector Module is relevant to the analysis of current and proposed legislation, private sector initiatives and technological developments. The flexible model design provides a policy analysis tool able to accommodate a wide range of scenario developments. Both the input file structure and the model source code have been specially developed to facilitate "what if" analyses of energy markets, technology characterizations, market initiatives, environmental concerns, and regulatory policies such as demand-side management (DSM) programs. Examples of specific policy analyses that can be addressed using this model include assessing the potential impacts of:

- New end-use technologies (for example, compact fluorescent light bulbs or ground source heat pumps)
- New energy supply technologies (for example, solar thermal heating or fuel cells)
- Federal, state and local government policies, including:
 - changes in fuel prices due to tax policies
 - changes in building shell or equipment energy efficiency standards
 - financial incentives for energy efficiency or renewable energy investments
 - information programs
 - environmental standards
- Utility demand-side management programs⁵

Model Input and Output

Inputs

The primary inputs to the Commercial Sector Demand Module include fuel prices, commercial building floorspace growth, interest rates, and technology characteristics. The technology characteristics used by the model for end-use equipment include first and last year of availability for each system, equipment market share in 1999, installed capital cost per unit of service demand, operating and maintenance cost per unit of service demand, equipment efficiency, removal/disposal cost, building restrictions, service provided, fuel used, expected equipment lifetime, and cost trend parameters. The technology characteristics used by the model for distributed generation technologies are included in the summary of major inputs that follows. Additional detail on model inputs is provided in Appendix A. The major inputs by model component are summarized as follows:

Inputs to Floorspace Component

Existing distribution of commercial building floorspace stock in 1999

⁵Recent examples of the use of the NEMS Commercial Sector Module in policy analyses can be found on EIA's web site at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/demand/html>.

Median construction year of existing commercial buildings by type, vintage, and location
Building survival parameters
Commercial building floorspace growth

Inputs to Service Demand Component

Energy Use Intensities (EUI) in 1999
Commercial technology characterizations
 market share of equipment existing in 1999
 equipment efficiency
 building restrictions
 service provided
 fuel used
Building shell efficiency indices for new floorspace
Building shell efficiency improvement over the forecast for existing and new floorspace
Market penetration forecasts for office equipment and "other" end-use category
Steam EUIs to provide District Services in 1999
Efficiencies of boilers providing District Services in 1999
Fuel shares of District Service steam production in 1999
Short-run price elasticities of service demand
Historical and average heating and cooling degree days
Differences in serviced floorspace proportions between existing and new floorspace

Inputs to Distributed Generation/CHP Component

Distributed generation and CHP technology characteristics
 fuel used
 first and last year of availability for purchase of system
 generation capacity
 capital cost per kilowatt of capacity
 installation cost per kilowatt of capacity
 operating and maintenance cost per kilowatt of capacity
 equipment life
 tax life and depreciation method
 available federal tax credits
 generation and thermal heat recovery efficiency
 annual operating hours
 penetration function parameters

learning function parameters
Financing parameters
Program-driven market penetration forecast for distributed generation technologies
Historical CHP generation of electricity data

Inputs to Technology Choice Component

Consumer behavior rules
10-year Treasury bond rate
Consumer time preference premium segments
Price elasticity of hurdle (implicit discount) rates
Minor service efficiency improvement projections
Building end-use service capacity utilization factors
Commercial Technology characterizations
 first and last year of availability for purchase of system
 market shares of equipment existing in 1999
 installed capital cost per unit of service demand
 operating and maintenance cost per unit of service demand
 equipment efficiency
 removal/disposal cost factors
 building restrictions
 service provided
 fuel used
 expected equipment lifetimes
 cost trend parameters
Expected fuel prices

Inputs to End-Use Fuel Consumption Component

Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO) consumption forecast
Annual Energy Review (AER) consumption information
State Energy Data System (SEDS) consumption information
Components of SEDS data attributable to other sectors
Minor fuel elasticity parameters

Outputs

The primary output of the Commercial Sector Demand Module is a forecast of commercial sector energy consumption by fuel type, end-use, building type, Census division, and year. The module also provides forecasts of the following for each of the forecast years:

- construction of new commercial floorspace by building type and Census division
- surviving commercial floorspace by building type, year of construction, and Census division
- equipment market shares by technology, end-use, fuel, building type, and Census division
- distributed generation and CHP generation of electricity
- quantities of fuel consumed for distributed generation and CHP
- consumption of fuels to provide District Services
- nonbuilding consumption of fuels in the commercial sector
- Average efficiency of equipment mix by end-use and fuel type

Variable Classification

The NEMS demand modules are required to exchange information with the supply modules at the nine Census division level of detail spatially, and average annual level temporally. Information exchanged between the Commercial Demand Module and the Electricity Market Module is also required at the end-use service level of detail. The input data available from the Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) performed by EIA (which forms the basis for the Commercial Sector Demand Module) and other sources are designed to be statistically significant at various levels, some of which are above the nine Census division level. Commercial Sector Demand Module variables are resolved at a relatively fine level of detail in order to capture heterogeneous effects that manifest themselves at a high level of aggregation, yet which originate from variations at a disaggregate level. The primary dimensions across which key variables vary are set forth in Table 1, which also shows the notation generally used to represent the dimensions in this report:

Table 1. Primary Dimensions Spanned by Commercial Module Variables

Dimension:	CENSUS DIVISION	BUILDING TYPE	END-USE SERVICE	FUEL		
Subscript:	r	b	s	f		
Index Value				Category		Category
1	New England	Assembly	Space Heating	Major	Electricity	Major
2	Middle Atlantic	Education	Space Cooling		Natural Gas	
3	East North Central	Food Sales	Water Heating		Distillate Oil	
4	West North Central	Food Service	Ventilation		Residual Oil	Minor
5	South Atlantic	Health Care	Cooking		Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)	
6	East South Central	Lodging	Lighting		Steam Coal	
7	West South Central	Office - Large (>50,000 ft ²)	Refrigeration		Motor Gasoline	
8	Mountain	Office - Small (≤50,000 ft ²)	Office Equipment - PCs	Minor	Kerosene	Renewables
9	Pacific	Mercantile & Service	Office Equipment - Other than PCs		Wood	
10		Warehouse	Other		Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	
11	U.S. Total	Other			Hydro	Other
12					Waste Heat	
13					Other Gaseous Fuels (OGF)	

In addition to the dimensions shown in Table 1, over which most Commercial Module variables vary, there are several other domains of variation considered by certain classes of variables. These domains are represented through the use of the subscripts listed alphabetically in Table 2. The subscripts are described briefly below, as needed, with additional detail provided in Chapter 4 of this report.

Table 2. Subscripts for Commercial Module Variables

SUBSCRIPT	POTENTIAL RANGE	DESCRIPTION
ntek	1 through 10	Type of distributed generation/CHP technology.
p	1 through 7	Consumer time preference premium segment. Component of the consumer hurdle rate.
t	1 through 60	Technology class. General technology type for end-use energy-using equipment.
v	1 through 11	Technology vintage. Specific vintage or model within a technology class.
y	1 through 36	Time dimension for Commercial Module variables. A value of 1 corresponds to the year 1990 and a value of 36 corresponds to 2025.

Consumer time preference premium segments are represented by the subscript p, and represent the percent increment to the risk-free interest rate in the current year, used to segment commercial consumer behavior patterns. The model currently uses a discrete distribution of seven (7) consumer time preference premiums to characterize the commercial consumer decision-making population. These seven discount premiums, and the proportion of consumers attributed to each, are allowed to vary annually by end-use. The risk-free interest rate and the time preference premiums make up the consumer hurdle (or implicit discount) rates utilized in equipment purchase decisions. Additional detail is provided in Chapter 4 of this report.

Equipment defined in the Commercial Sector Technology Characterization Database, KTECH, is represented through the use of two subscripts, namely t and v. The existence of a particular pair of indexed values of t and v indicates that equipment within a technology class (t) is available in one or more models (v) for competition in the Technology Choice Submodule. The current Technology Choice Submodule allows for a maximum of 11 vintages for each piece of representative equipment. An example of two different vintages for the same technology class would be: 1) an electric resistance water heater with an energy factor⁶ of 0.80, available in 1995 and 2) an electric resistance water heater with an energy factor of 0.91, available in 2000 and beyond. The later vintage represents an updated model in this example.

The Major Service end-uses listed in Table 1 are modeled in the Technology Choice Submodule described in Chapter 4 of this report. Minor end-uses are forecast using equipment efficiency and market penetration trends.

⁶An efficiency measure defined in terms of delivered Btu divided by input Btu.

Forecasted energy demands for the Major fuels listed in Table 1 take into account the price elasticity of service demand and efficiency rebound effects. Minor fuel demands are forecast using a moving average of previous years' fuel use, adjusted to account for sector growth and price elasticity. The modeling methodology for forecasting minor end-uses and fuel demands and the considerations just mentioned are described in more detail in Chapter 4 of this report.

Relationship of the Commercial Module to Other NEMS Modules

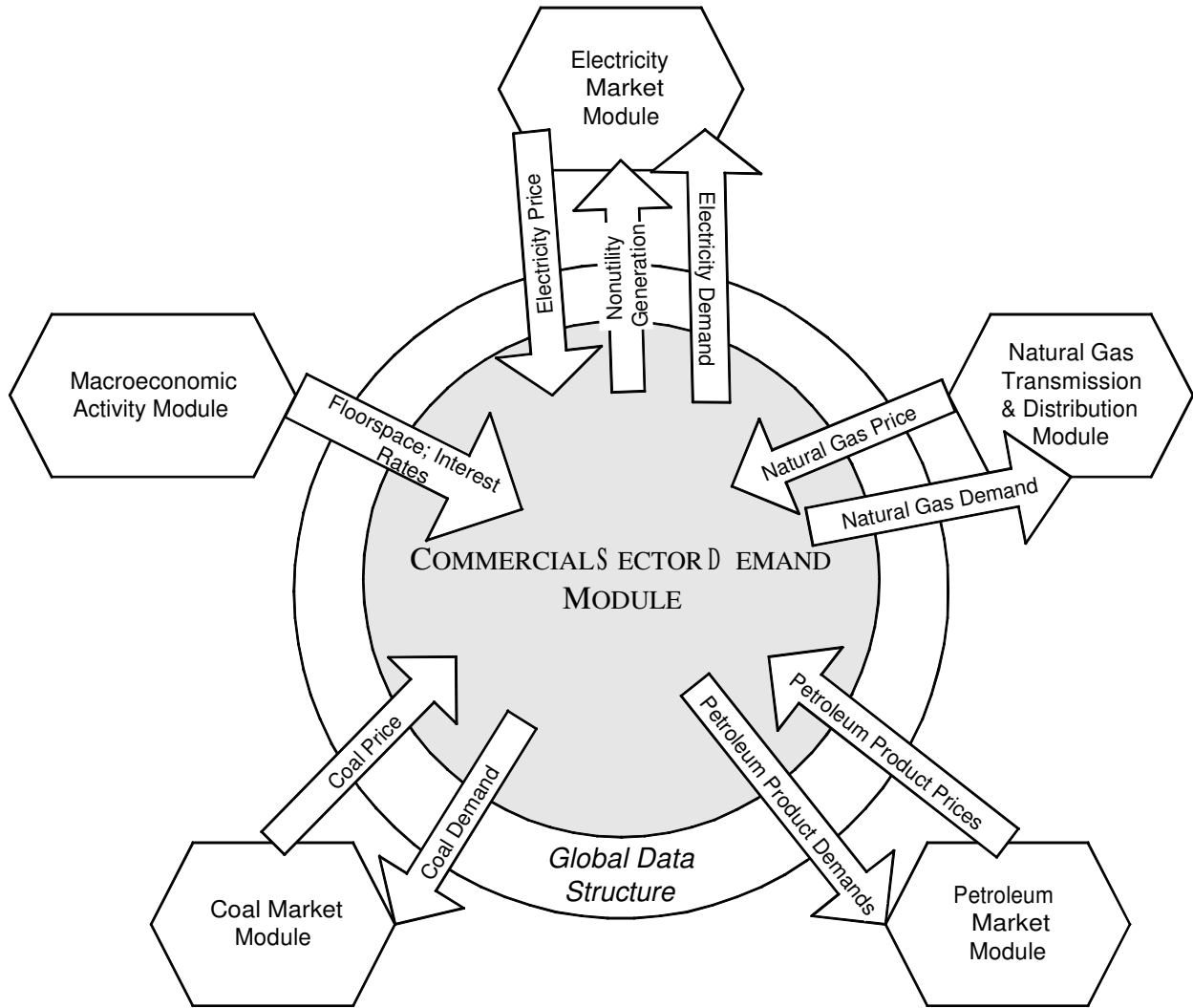
The Commercial Module receives input data from the Macroeconomic Activity Module and the energy supply modules. The commercial floorspace forecast and ten-year Treasury bond interest rates generated by MAM are used to calculate annual new additions to floorspace and annualized technology capital costs respectively. Energy prices generated by the supply modules, specifically the end-use service electricity prices from the Electricity Market Module (EMM), the natural gas prices from the Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module (NGTDM), and the petroleum prices from the Petroleum Market Module (PMM) are primary drivers for the technology cost comparison, the forecast of commercial sector distributed generation, and price foresight scenarios. The Commercial Module provides energy consumption forecasts by Census division and fuel to the supply modules listed above, from which supply resources and capacity plans are developed.

This relationship of the Commercial Module to other components of NEMS is depicted schematically in Figure 1. As shown, all exchanges of information between the modules takes place through the NEMS Global Data Structure. Not shown is the NEMS Integrating Module, which directs the activation of the sectoral modules, thus controlling the sequence and iteration of modeled considerations at the sector level. For a more detailed description of the approach taken by the Integrating Module within the NEMS general equilibrium solution to interactions between the U.S. energy markets and the economy, the reader is referred to the Integrating Module Documentation Report⁷ and the NEMS Overview⁸.

⁷Energy Information Administration, *NEMS Integrating Module Documentation Report 2005*, DOE/EIA-M057 (2005) (Washington, DC, May 2005).

⁸Energy Information Administration, *National Energy Modeling System: An Overview 2003*, DOE/EIA-0581(2003) (Washington, DC, March 2003).

Figure 1. Commercial Sector Demand Module's Relationship to Other NEMS Modules



3. Model Rationale

Theoretical Approach

The Commercial Module utilizes a simulation approach to project energy demands in commercial buildings. A simulation approach represents the characteristics of one system through the use of another system. The specific approach of the Commercial Module involves explicit economic and engineering-based analysis of the building energy end uses of space heating, space cooling, water heating, ventilation, cooking, lighting, office equipment, refrigeration, and "other" energy-consuming equipment. These end-uses are modeled for eleven distinct categories of commercial buildings at the Census division level of detail.

As described previously in this report, the model is a sequentially structured system of algorithms, with succeeding computations utilizing the outputs of previously executed routines as inputs. For example, the building square footage projections developed in the Floorspace routine are used to calculate demands of specific end-uses in the Service Demand routine. Calculated service demands provide input to the Technology Choice subroutine, and subsequently contribute to the development of end-use consumption.

In the default mode, the Commercial Module assumes myopic foresight with respect to energy prices, using only currently known energy prices in the annualized cost calculations of the technology selection algorithm. The model is capable of accommodating the alternate scenarios of adaptive foresight and perfect foresight within the NEMS system.

A key assumption that is integrated into the technology characterization database that forms the basis of the technology selection process is the incorporation of the equipment efficiency standards described in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT). In addition, residential-type equipment used in commercial buildings, such as room air conditioners, are subject to provisions contained in the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (NAECA). This is modeled in the database by ensuring that all available choices for equipment covered by these laws meet the required efficiency levels. As DOE continues to promulgate and update efficiency standards under EPACT and NAECA, changes are modeled by the elimination of noncompliant equipment choices and introduction of compliant equipment choices by the year the new standards take effect. Through this database, the Commercial Module is able to model equipment efficiency legislation as it continues to evolve.

Fundamental Assumptions

Floorspace Submodule

The existing stock, geographic and building usage distribution, and vintaging of floorspace at the beginning of the dynamic portion of the model run is assumed to be the floorspace stock published as a result of the 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS)⁹.

New additions to the floorspace stock through the forecast period are assumed to conform to building standards as described in *End-Use Energy Consumption Estimates for U.S. Commercial Buildings, 1989*, Pacific Northwest Laboratory, PNL-8946, November 1993, with assumptions updated to reflect building standards in effect during the model's base year of 1999.¹⁰

Service Demand Submodule

The average equipment efficiency of the existing stock of equipment for each service is calculated to produce the CBECS 1999 energy consumption when the Energy Use Intensities (EUIs) derived from the CBECS 1999 data are applied.

The model uses a simplified equipment retirement function that sets the proportion of equipment of a specific technology class and model that retires annually equal to the reciprocal of that equipment's expected lifetime expressed in years.

Service Demand Intensity (SDI) is assumed constant over the forecast period (for a given service, building type and vintage, and Census division). The primary components of the SDI calculation, EUIs and average equipment efficiencies, which change over the forecast, are assumed to change in such a manner as to preserve the SDI.

The market for the largest major services is assumed to be saturated in all building types in all Census divisions. No increase in market penetration for the services of space conditioning, water heating, ventilation, cooking,

⁹Energy Information Administration, 1999 CBECS Public Use Files as of October 2002. See web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbeecs/ for current CBECS Public Use Files.

¹⁰Regional building shell efficiency parameters that reflect current building codes and construction practices were developed from a 1998 Arthur D. Little study. Data from the 1999 CBECS were used to adjust the parameters to account for new construction between 1990 and 1999. A more detailed description of the building shell efficiency parameters is provided in Appendix A.

refrigeration, and lighting is modeled. However, demand for these services grows as floorspace grows with new additions forecast by the Floorspace Submodule.

Technology Choice Submodule

The technology selection approach employs explicit assumptions regarding commercial consumer choice behavior. Consumers are assumed to follow one of three behavioral rules: Least Cost, Same Fuel, or Same Technology. The proportions of consumers that follow each behavioral rule are developed based upon quantitative assessment and specific assumptions that are referenced in Appendix A to this report.

The technology selection is performed using a discrete distribution of consumer time preference premiums. These premiums are developed based on analysis of survey results and additional literature, employing specific assumptions about consumer behavior in order to quantify these concepts for inclusion in the model.

Documentation of these assumptions is referenced in Appendix A to this report.

Myopic foresight is assumed in the default mode of the model operation. In other words, current energy prices are used to develop the annualized fuel costs of technology selections in the default mode.

Energy efficiency and continuing market penetration for minor services (office equipment and "other" services) is forecast to increase over the forecast period based on published sources that are further referenced in Appendix A to this report. Office equipment is assumed to consume only electricity, and fuel switching is not addressed.

4. Model Structure

Structural Overview

The commercial sector encompasses business establishments that are not engaged in industrial or transportation activities. Commercial sector energy is consumed primarily within buildings.¹¹ Energy consumed in commercial buildings is the sum of energy required to provide specific energy services using selected technologies. The model structure carries out a sequence of five basic steps for each forecast year. The first step is to forecast commercial sector floorspace. The second step is to forecast the energy services (e.g., space heating, lighting, etc.) required by that building space. The third step is to forecast electricity generation and energy services to be met by distributed generation technologies. The fourth step is to select specific end-use technologies (e.g., gas furnaces, fluorescent lights, etc.) to meet the demand for energy services. The last step is to determine the amount of energy consumed by the equipment chosen to meet the demand for energy services. New construction, surviving floorspace, and equipment choices forecast for previous time periods largely determine the floorspace and equipment in place in future time periods. General considerations involved in each of these processing steps are examined below. Following this overview, flow diagrams are provided and the calculations performed by each of the forecasting components are described in detail.

Commercial Building Floorspace Forecast

Commercial sector energy consumption patterns depend upon numerous factors, including the composition of commercial building and equipment stocks, regional climate, and building construction variations. The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module first develops a forecast of commercial floorspace construction and retirement by type of building and Census division. Floorspace is forecast for the following 11 building types:

- Assembly
- Education
- Food Sales
- Food Services
- Health Care
- Lodging
- Office - large
- Office – small
- Mercantile and Service
- Warehouse
- Other

¹¹There is a small amount of commercial energy consumption (from uses such as street lights and municipal water services) that is not attributed to buildings. This is discussed in the End-Use Consumption section.

Service Demand Forecast

Once the building inventory is projected, the model develops a forecast of demand for energy-consuming services within buildings. Consumers do not demand energy per se, but the services that energy provides.¹² This demand for *delivered* forms of energy is measured in units of *Btu out* by the Commercial Module, to distinguish it from the consumption of fuel, measured in *Btu in*, necessary to produce the useful services. The following ten services, based in part on the level of detail available from published survey work discussed further in this report, are tracked:

- Space Heating
- Space Cooling
- Ventilation
- Other
- Water Heating
- Lighting
- Cooking
- Refrigeration
- Office Equipment - Personal Computers
- Office Equipment - Other than PCs

The energy intensity of usage, measured in Btu/sq ft, differs across service and building type. For example, health care facilities typically require more space heating per square foot than warehouses. Intensity of usage also varies across Census divisions. Educational buildings in the New England Census division typically require more heating services than educational buildings in the South Atlantic Census division. As a result, total service demand for any service depends on the number, size, type, and location of buildings.

In each forecast year, a proportion of energy-consuming equipment wears out in existing floorspace, leaving a gap between the energy services demanded and the equipment available to meet this demand. The efficiency of the replacement equipment, along with the efficiency of equipment chosen for new floorspace, is reflected in the calculated average efficiency of the equipment stock.

Consumers may increase or decrease their level of usage of a service in response to a change in energy prices. The model accounts for this behavioral impact by adjusting service demand forecasts using price elasticity of demand estimates for the major fuels of electricity, natural gas, and distillate fuel.¹³ For electricity, the model uses a weighted-average price for each end-use service and Census division. For each of the other major fuels, the model uses a single average annual price for each Census division. In performing this adjustment, the model also takes into

¹²Lighting is a good example of this concept. It is measured in units that reflect consumers' perception of the level of service received: lumens.

¹³The calculation described is actually performed on the fuel consumption forecast by the End-Use Consumption Submodule, making use of the direct proportionality between consumption and service demand. This is necessary because the fuel shares of provided services are not determined until after selection of the equipment mix by the Technology Choice Submodule.

account the effects of changing technology efficiencies and building shell efficiencies on the marginal cost of the service to the consumer, resulting in a “takeback effect” or “rebound effect” modification of pure price elasticity.

Decision to Generate or Purchase Electricity

The Distributed Generation and CHP submodule projects electricity generation, fuel consumption, and water and space heating supplied by distributed generation technologies. Historical data are used to derive CHP electricity generation through 2003. In addition, program-driven installation of solar photovoltaic systems and fuel cells are input based on information from DOE and DOD, referenced in Appendix A. After 2003, a forecast of distributed generation and CHP generation of electricity is developed based on the economic returns projected for distributed generation and CHP technologies. The module uses a detailed cash-flow approach to estimate the number of years required to achieve a cumulative positive cash flow. Penetration of these technologies is a function of how quickly an investment in a technology recoups its flow of costs.

Equipment Choice to Meet Service Needs

Given the level of energy services demanded, the algorithm then projects the class and model of equipment selected to satisfy the demand. Commercial consumers purchase energy-using equipment to meet three types of demand:

- *New* - service demand in newly-constructed buildings (constructed in the current year of the forecast),
- *Replacement* - service demand formerly met by retiring equipment (equipment that is at the end of its useful life and must be replaced),
- *Retrofit* - service demand formerly met by equipment at the end of its economic life (equipment with a remaining useful life that is nevertheless subject to retirement on economic grounds).

Each type of demand is referred to as a "decision type".

One possible approach to describe consumer choice behavior in the commercial sector would require the consumer to choose the equipment that minimizes the total expected cost over the life of the equipment. However, empirical evidence suggests that traditional cost minimizing models do not adequately account for the full range of economic factors that influence consumer behavior.¹⁴ Using a similar methodology, the NEMS Commercial Module is coded to allow the use of several possible assumptions about consumer behavior. The consumer behavior assumptions are:

¹⁴See Jon Koomey, "Energy Efficiency Choices in New Office Buildings: An Investigation of Market Failures and Corrective Policies," Dissertation, University of California at Berkeley, April 1990; and U.S. Congress, Office

- Buy the equipment with the minimum life-cycle cost;
- Buy equipment that uses the same fuel as existing or retiring equipment, but minimizes life-cycle costs under that constraint;
- Buy (or keep) the same technology as the existing or retiring equipment, but choose between models with different efficiency levels based upon minimum life-cycle costs.

These behavior rules are designed to represent empirically the range of economic factors that influence the consumer's decision. The consumers who minimize life-cycle cost are the most sensitive to energy price changes, thus, the price-sensitivity of the model depends in part on the share of consumers using each behavior rule. The proportion of consumers in each behavior rule segment vary by building type, the end-use service under consideration, and decision type, for the three decision types of new construction, replacement, or retrofit.¹⁵

The model is designed to choose among a discrete set of technologies exogenously characterized by commercial availability, capital cost, operating and maintenance (O&M) cost, removal/disposal cost, efficiency, and equipment life. The menu of equipment depends on technological innovation, market development and policy intervention. The design is capable of accommodating a changing menu of technologies, recognizing that changes in energy prices and consumer demand may significantly change the set of relevant technologies the model user wishes to consider. The model includes an option to allow endogenous price-induced technology change in the determination of equipment costs and availability for the menu of equipment. This concept allows future technologies faster diffusion into the marketplace if fuel prices increase markedly for a sustained period of time.

Energy Consumption

Following the choice of equipment to satisfy service demand, the model computes the total amount of energy consumed. To calculate energy use, the fuel shares of service resulting from the selected mix of equipment, together with the average efficiency of that mix, are applied to service demand. An example of this calculation is shown in Table 3. If 100 million Btu (MMBtu) of heating service demand in new office buildings in New England is required, then the calculations proceed as follows: allocate service demand according to the share of a given fuel (Table 3, Column 3); divide service demand (3) by the average efficiency (4) to derive fuel consumption by fuel type.

of Technology Assessment, Building Energy Efficiency, OTA-E-518, Washington DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1992, pp. 73-85.

¹⁵ Additional detail regarding the derivation of the choice proportions is provided in Appendix A to this report.

Table 3. Energy Consumption Calculation Example

Service Demand (100 MMBtu out)		Amount of Service Delivered (MMBtu out) (3)=(2)*100	Average efficiency (Btu out/Btu consumed) (4)	Fuel Consumption (MMBtu) (5) = (3)/(4)
Fuel (1)	Proportion of Service Demand (2)			
Distillate Fuel Oil	0.5	50.0	0.75	66.7
Electricity	0.3	30.0	0.87	34.5
Natural Gas	0.2	20.0	0.80	25.0
Total				126.2

Forecasted building energy consumption is then benchmarked to the State Energy Data System (SEDS) historical commercial sector consumption, applying an additive correction term to ensure that simulated model results correspond to published SEDS historical values. This benchmarking adjustment accounts for nonbuilding commercial sector energy consumption (e.g., radio transformer towers) and provides a consistent starting point for the forecast. The benchmarking procedure is further discussed in the last section of the main text of this report.

Flow Diagrams

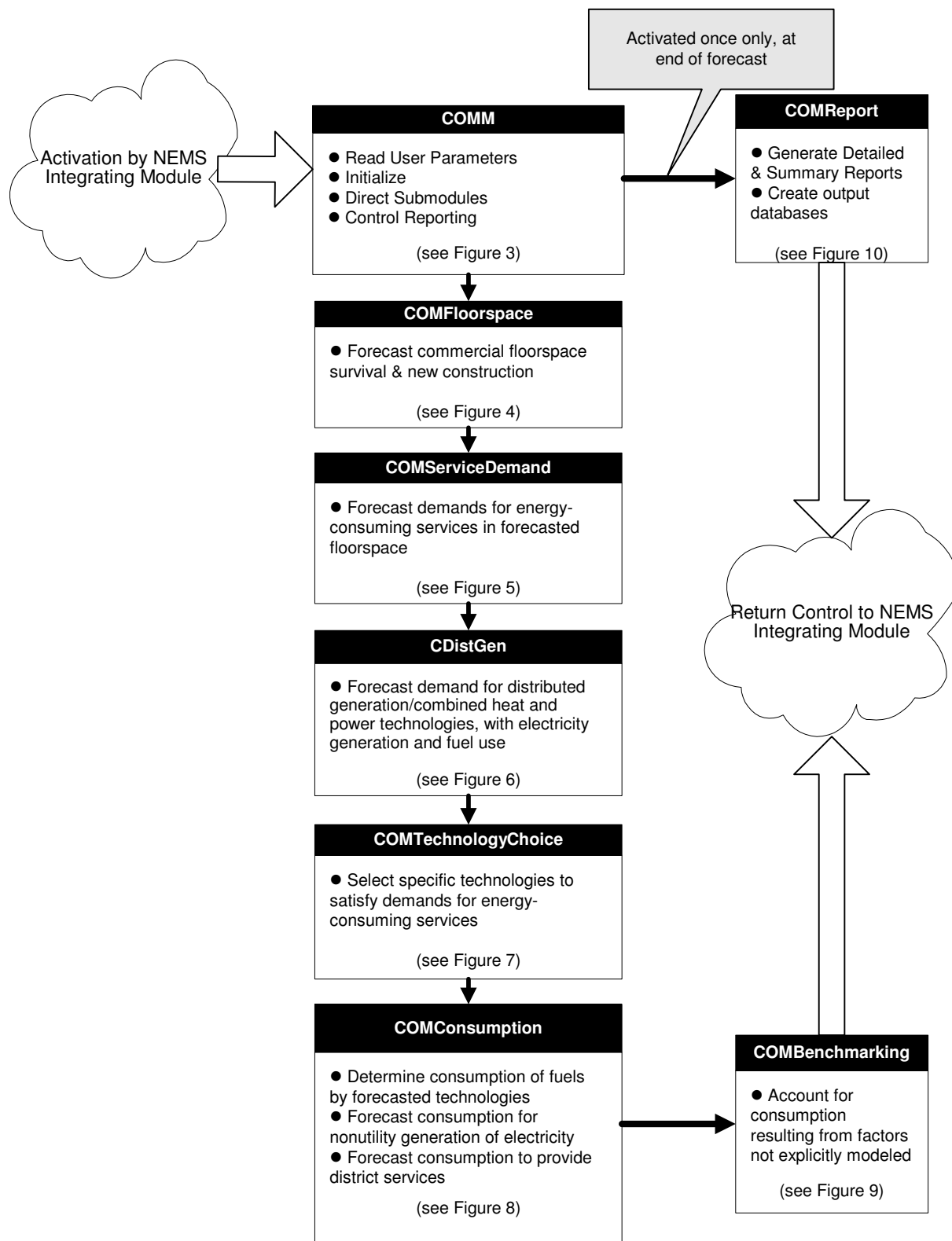
Figure 2 illustrates the general model flow of the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module. The flow proceeds sequentially, with each succeeding Submodule utilizing as inputs the outputs of preceding Submodules. In other words, the outputs of the Floorspace Submodule are used as inputs to the Service Demand Submodule, the outputs of the Service Demand Submodule are used as inputs to the Technology Choice Submodule, and the outputs of the Technology Choice Submodule are used as inputs to the End-Use Consumption Submodule. The basic processing flow used by the Commercial Module to generate its forecast of fuel demands consists of six steps:

1. A forecast of commercial building floorspace is generated based upon input from the Macroeconomic Module and results from previous years. (COMFloorspace Submodule).
2. Demands for services are calculated for that distribution of floorspace (COMServiceDemand Submodule).
3. Distributed generation and CHP technologies are chosen to meet electricity demand in place of purchased electricity where determined to be economical (CDistGen).
4. Equipment is chosen to satisfy the demands for services (COMTechnologyChoice Submodule).

5. Fuel consumption is calculated based on the chosen equipment mix, and additional commercial sector consumption components such as those resulting from nonutility generation of electricity and district services are accounted for (COMConsumption Submodule).
6. Results by fuel and Census division are adjusted to match the 1990 through 2001 State Energy Data System (SEDS) historical data, 2002-2003 historical estimates from the *Annual Energy Review 2003*¹⁶ (AER), and optionally the 2004-2005 forecasts of the *Short Term Energy Outlook* (STEO) (COMBenchmarking Submodule).

¹⁶Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2003*, DOE/EIA-0384(2003) (Washington, DC, September 2004).

Figure 2. Commercial Module Structure & Fundamental Process Flow



The Commercial Module is activated one or more times during each year of the forecast period by the NEMS Integrating Module. On each occurrence of module activation, the processing flow follows the outline shown in Figure 2. Details of the processing flow within each of the Commercial Module's submodules, together with the input data sources accessed by each, are shown in Figures 3 through 9, and summarized below. The precise calculations performed at the program subroutine level are described in the next section.

Figure 3 illustrates the flow within the controlling component of the Commercial Module, COMM. This is the component that determines whether a dynamic forecast for the current year is warranted, retrieves user-specified options and parameters, performs certain initializations, and directs the processing flow through the remaining submodules. It also detects the occurrence of the conclusion of the forecast period, and directs the generation of printed reports and output databases to the extent specified by the user.

Figure 4 illustrates the processing flow within the Floorspace Component of the model, COMFloorspace. The Floorspace Submodule requires the NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module (MAM) total commercial floorspace forecast by Census division, building type, and year. In addition, base year building stock characteristics and building survival parameters developed based on analysis of CBECS data and additional sources (further referenced in Appendix A to this report) are used by the Floorspace Submodule to evolve the existing stock of floorspace into the future.

Figure 5 illustrates the processing flow within the Service Demand Component of the model, COMServiceDemand. The surviving and new floorspace results generated by the Floorspace Submodule are accepted as inputs by the Service Demand Submodule, along with additional inputs such as base year (1999) Energy Use Intensities (EUIs), office equipment market penetration forecasts, base year equipment market shares and stock efficiencies, equipment survival assumptions, building shell efficiencies, weather data, and district service information. The Service Demand Submodule forecasts demands for the 10 modeled end-uses in each of the 11 building types and nine Census divisions separately for newly-constructed commercial floorspace, surviving floorspace with unsatisfied service demands due to equipment failure, and surviving floorspace with currently functioning equipment.

Figure 6 illustrates the processing flow within the Distributed Generation and CHP Component of the model, CDistGen. Technology specific inputs and financing parameters are required by the Distributed Generation and CHP Submodule, along with additional inputs such as historical commercial CHP data, program-driven market penetration forecasts, and fuel prices. The Distributed Generation and CHP Submodule projects electricity generation, fuel consumption, and water and space heating supplied by distributed generation technologies. Penetration of these technologies is based on how quickly an investment in a technology is estimated to recoup its flow of costs.

Figure 7 illustrates the processing flow within the Technology Choice Component, COMTechnologyChoice. The service demands produced by the Service Demand Submodule, combined with equipment-specific inputs, consumer behavior characterization and time preference segmentation information specific to the Commercial Module, and NEMS system outputs including Treasury Bill rates from the Macroeconomic Activity Module (MAM) and fuel prices from the Electricity Market Module, Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module, and Petroleum Market Module, are required by the Technology Choice Submodule. The result of processing by this submodule is a forecast of equipment market shares of specific technologies retained or purchased for servicing new floorspace, replacing failed equipment, or retrofitting of economically obsolete equipment. Also calculated are the corresponding fuel shares and average equipment efficiencies by end-use service and other dimensions.

Figure 8 illustrates the processing flow within the Consumption Component, COMConsumption. The average equipment efficiency and fuel proportions output by the Technology Choice Submodule are combined with the service demand forecast generated by the Service Demand Component to produce the forecast of major fuel consumption by building type, Census division, and end-use. Several additional considerations are incorporated into the final forecast, including accounting for the fuel used for electricity generation and CHP in commercial buildings and fuel consumption for the purposes of providing District Services. Demands for the five minor fuels are also forecast by this component using the floorspace forecast together with fuel prices and a moving average of previous years' consumption.

Figure 9 illustrates the Benchmarking Component of the fuel consumption forecast, COMBenchmarking. Data input from the State Energy Data System (SEDS), and, at the user's option, fuel consumption forecasts produced for the Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO), are compared with the basic Commercial Module fuel consumption forecast during the period of time over which they overlap, in an attempt to calculate energy consumption in the Commercial Sector not attributable to the building end-uses explicitly modeled in the Commercial Module. The difference between the basic Commercial Module fuel consumption forecast and the fuel consumption given by the SEDS or STEO is attributed to nonbuilding energy use and referred to as a mistie. The notation that SEDS data is available one year after data provided by the NEMS global data system reflects the fact that AER data are available for at least an additional year beyond the latest published SEDS results, and are used in the same manner as published SEDS data. If desired, the calculated nonbuilding consumption is evolved in one of several methods chosen by the user and added to the basic Commercial Module forecast.

A final reporting subroutine, COMReport, generates detailed documentation on the Final Control and Reporting Loop of the last forecast year. Numerous subcategories and additional considerations are handled by the model for each of the broad process categories given above. These are described, with references to the appropriate equations in Appendix B, in the Key Computations and Equations section of Chapter 4 under the headings of the applicable subroutines.

Figure 3. COMM Calculation Process Flow

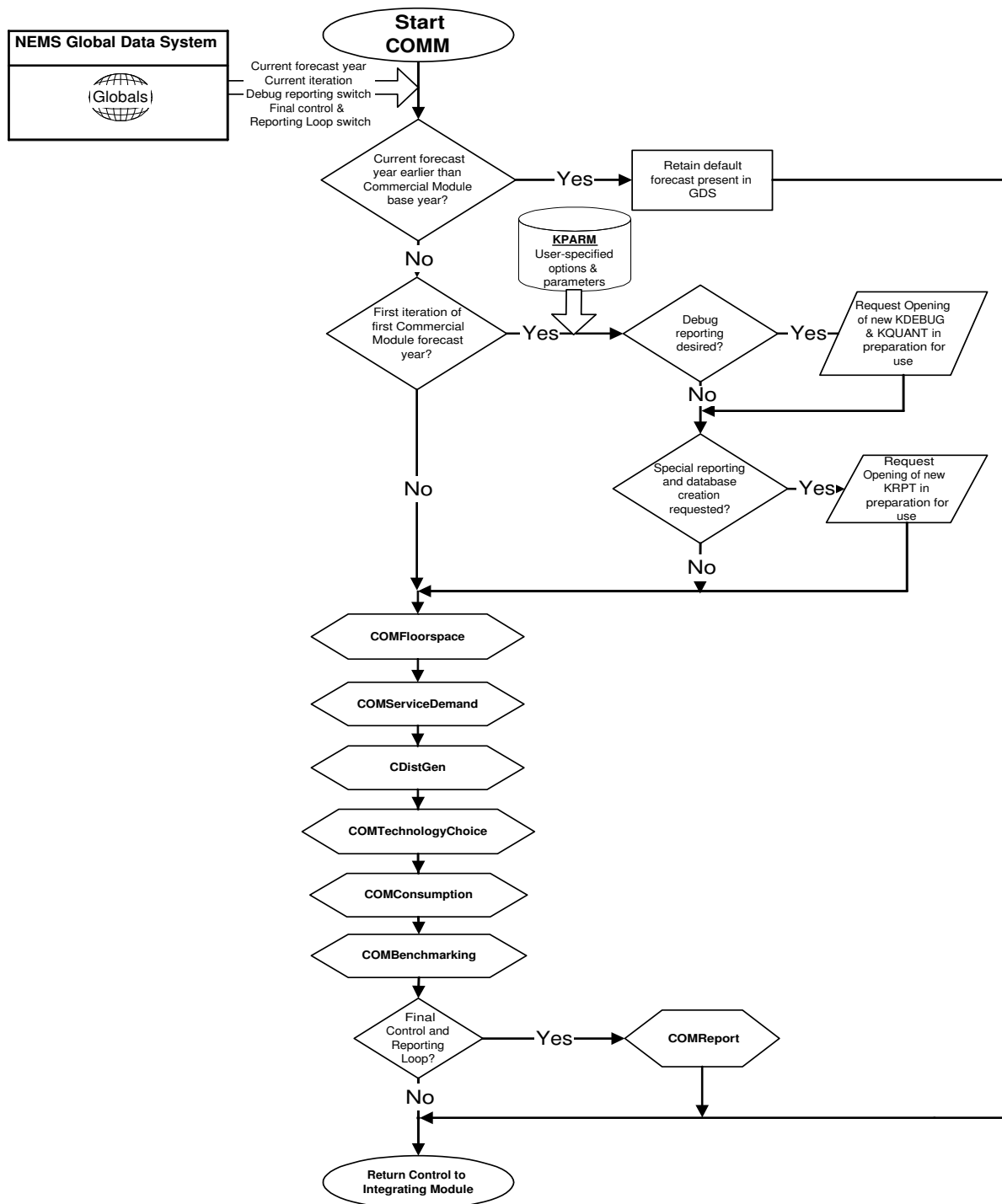


Figure 4. COMFloorspace Calculation Process Flow

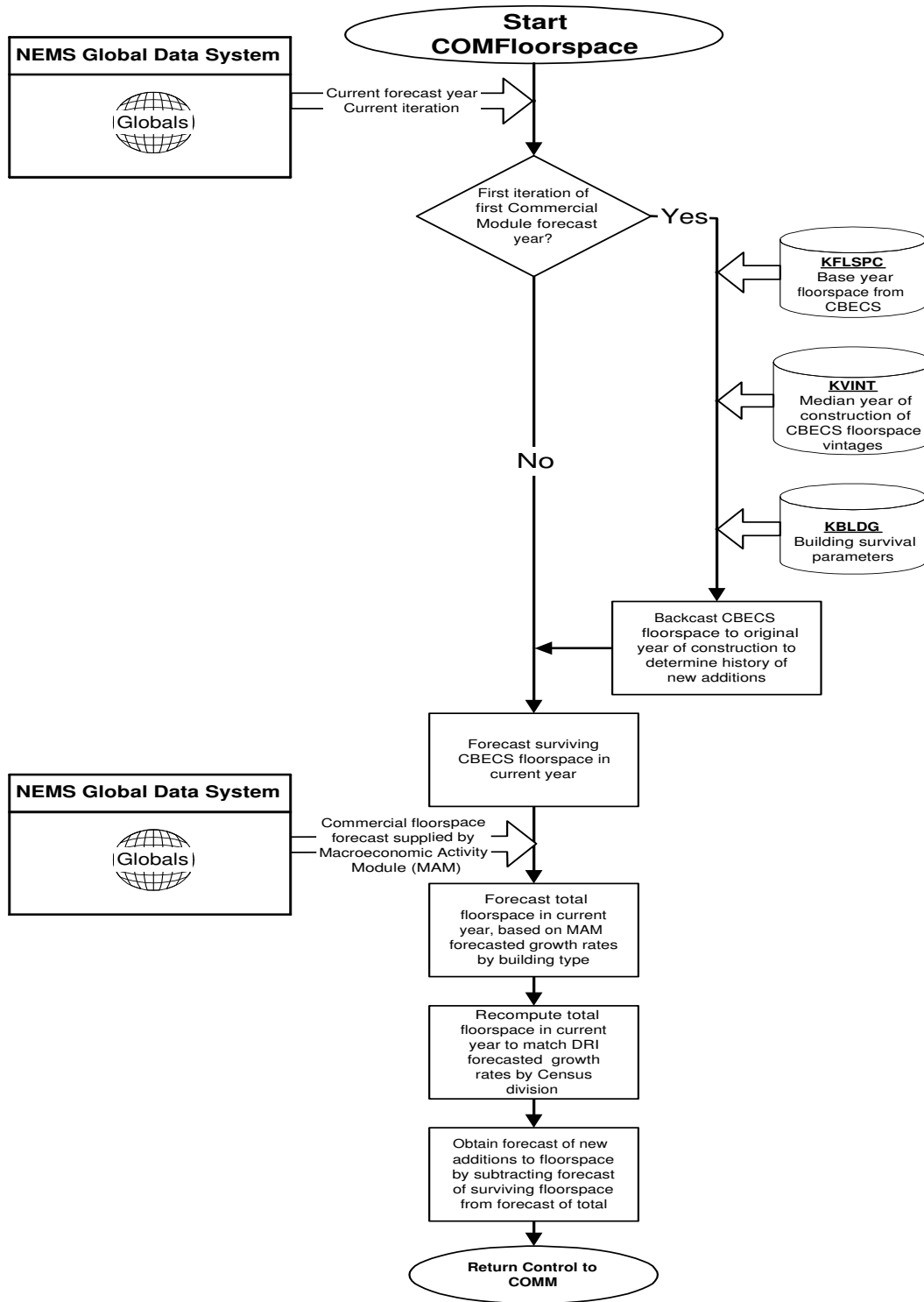


Figure 5. COMServiceDemand Calculation Process Flow

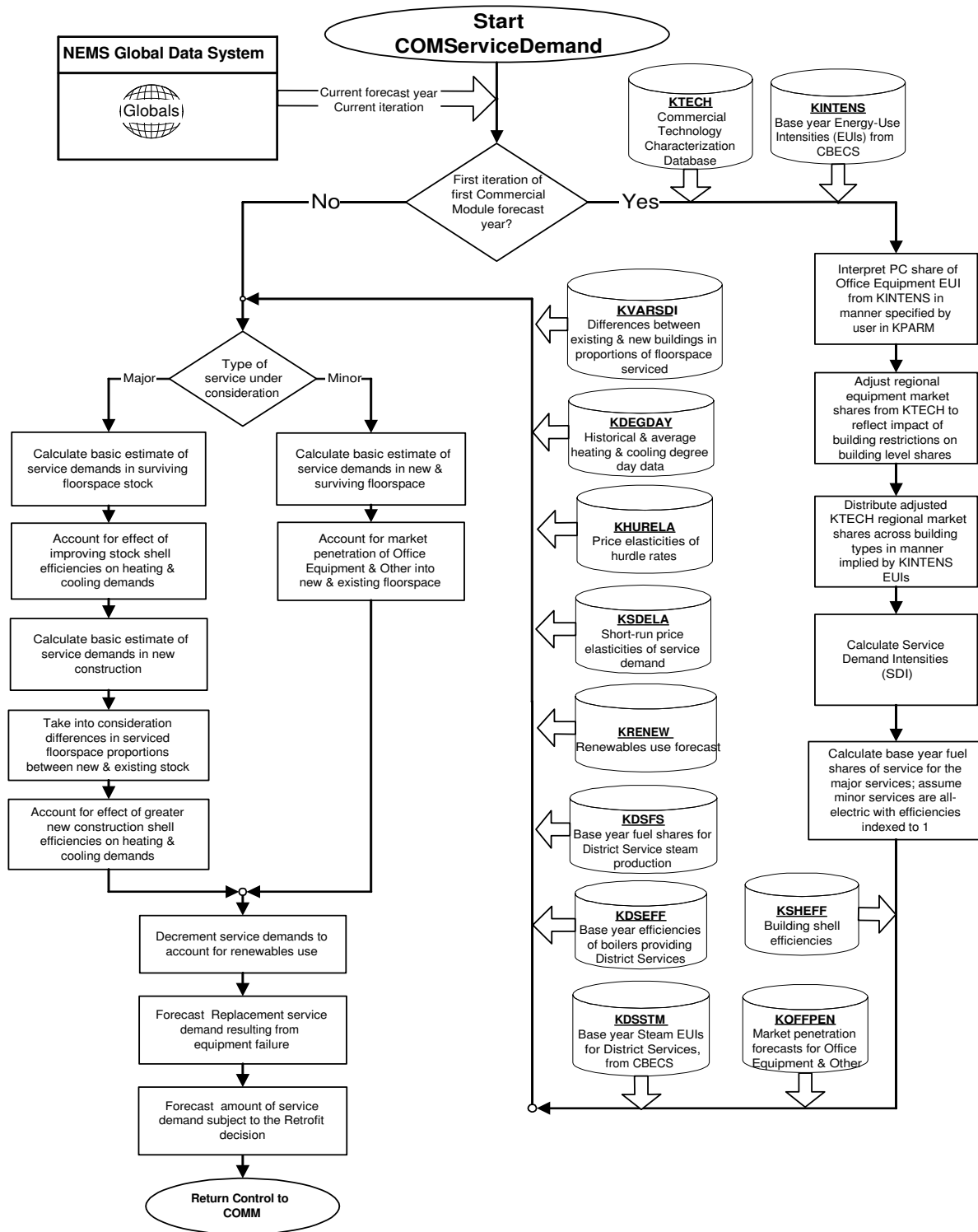


Figure 6. CDistGen Calculation Process Flow

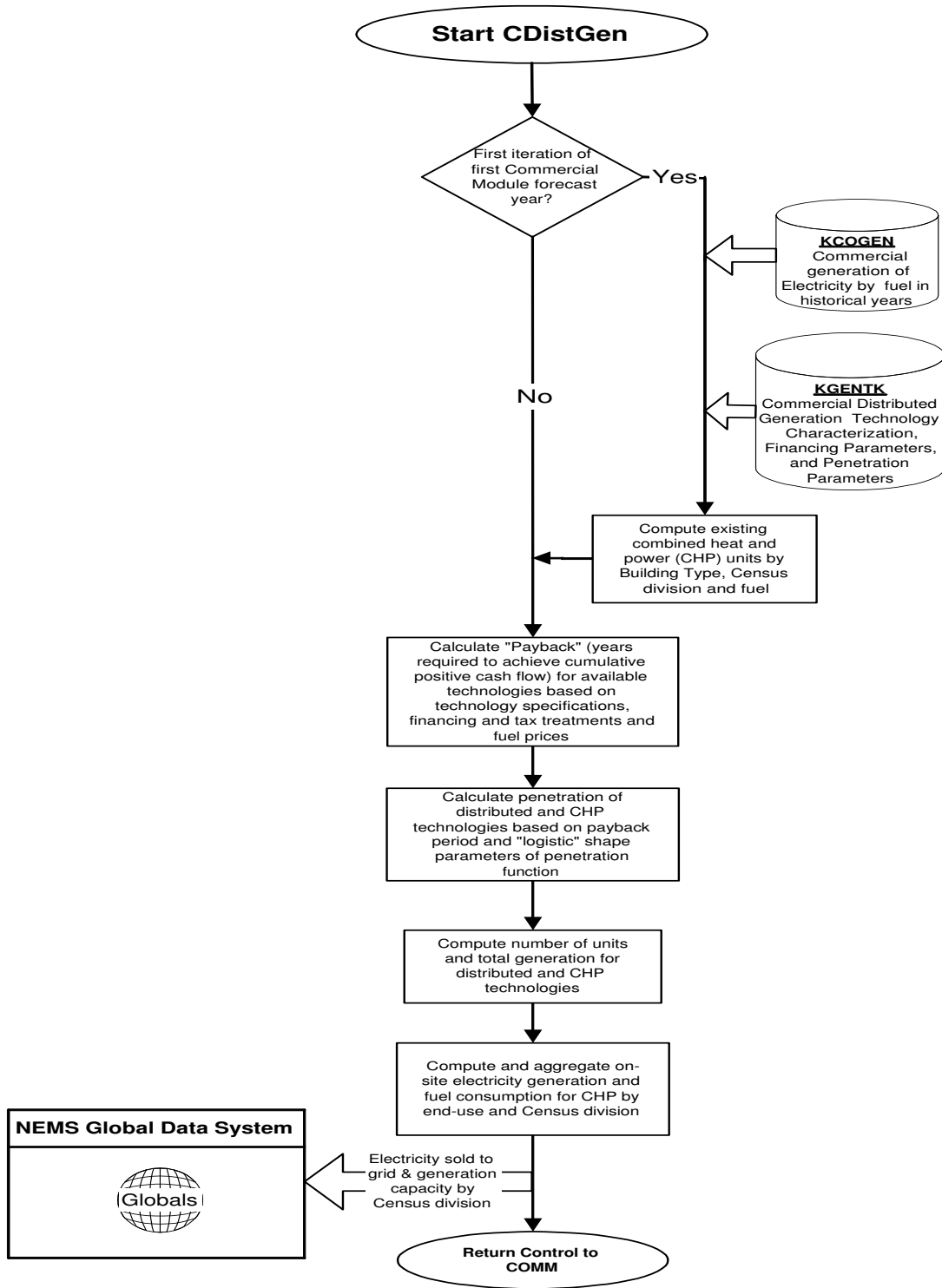


Figure 7. COMTechnologyChoice Calculation Process Flow

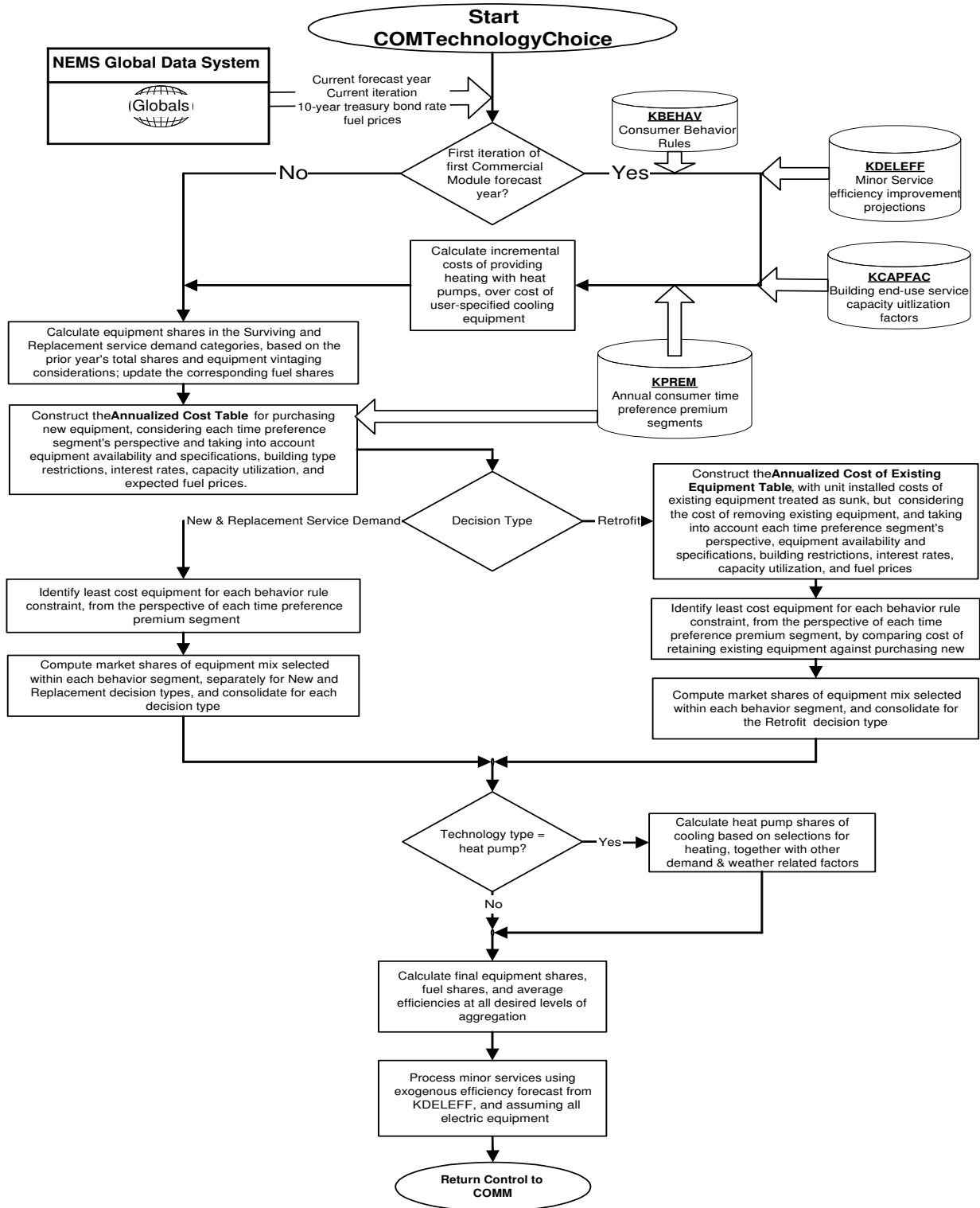


Figure 8. COMConsumption Calculation Process Flow

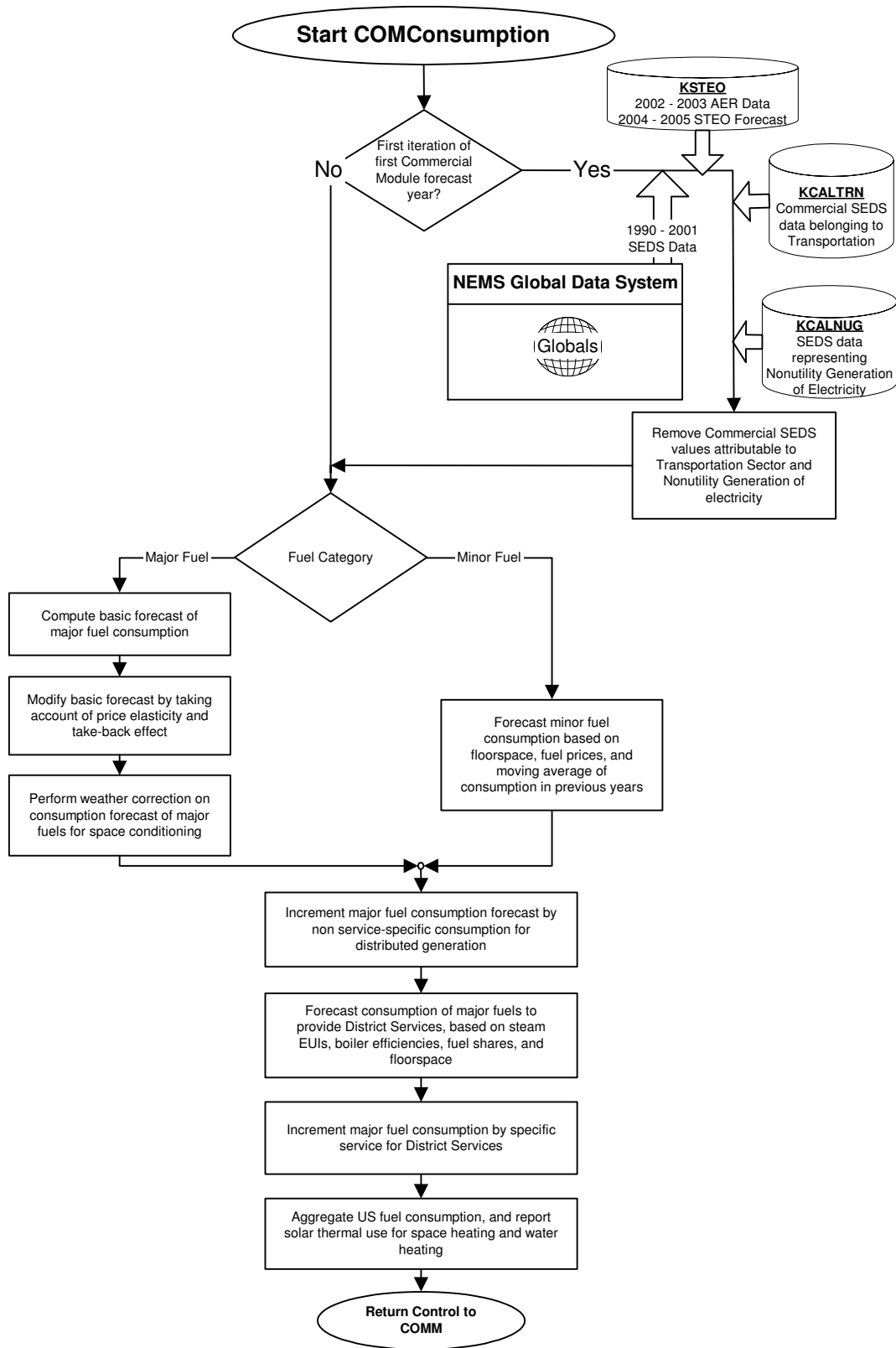
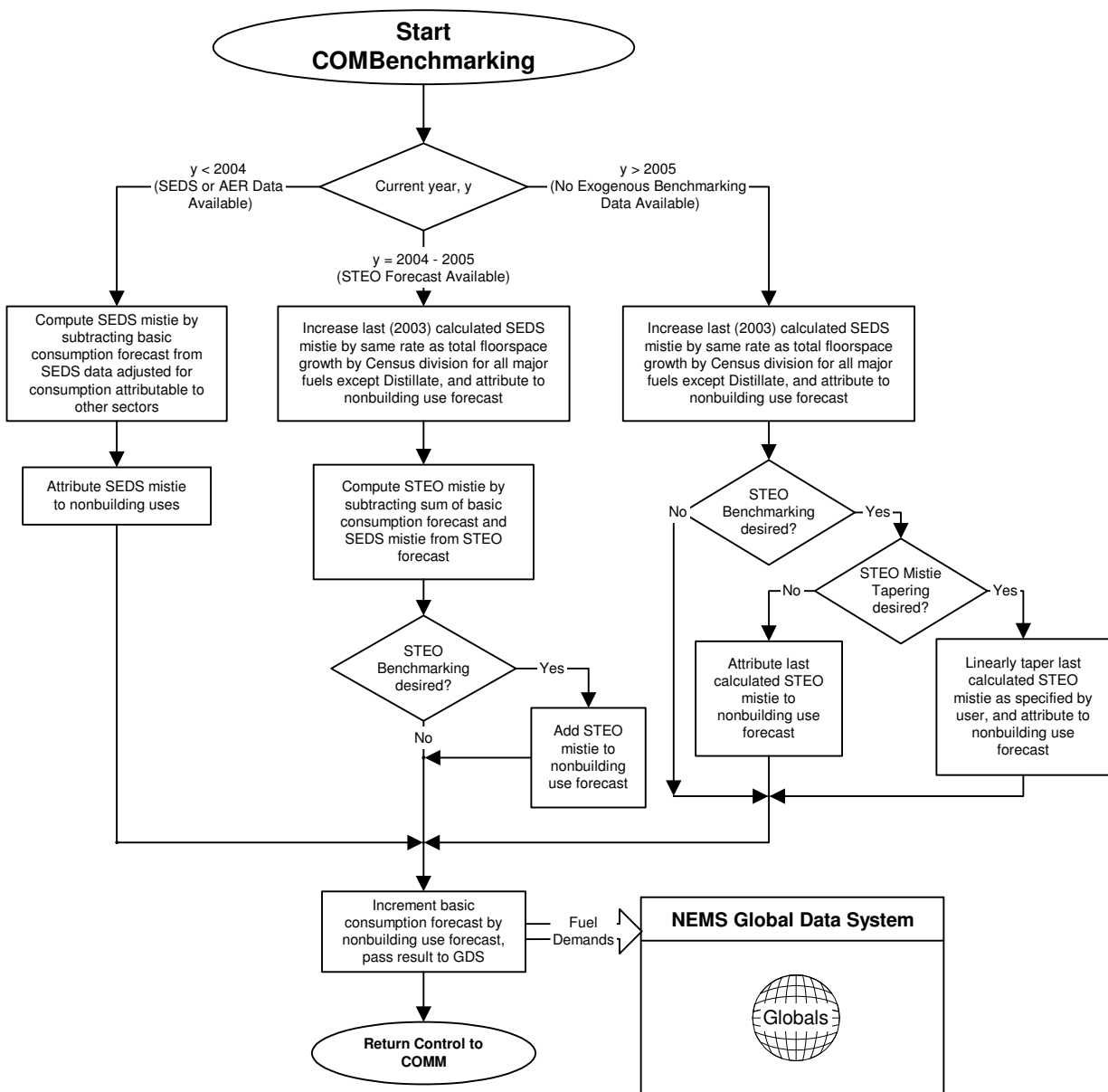


Figure 9. COMBenchmarking Calculation Process Flow



Key Computations and Equations

This section provides detailed solution algorithms arranged by sequential submodule as executed in the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module. General forms of the fundamental equations involved in the key computations are presented, followed by discussion of the numerous details considered by the full forms of the equations provided in Appendix B.

Floorspace Submodule

The Floorspace Submodule utilizes the Census division level building-specific total floorspace forecast from the NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module (MAM) as its primary driver. Many of the parameter estimates used in the Commercial Module, including base year (1999) commercial sector floorspace, are developed from the 1999 Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) database. Forecasted total commercial floorspace is provided by the MAM through the MC_COMMFLSP member of the NEMS Global Data Structure (GDS).¹⁷ Commercial floorspace from the MAM is specified by the 13 building categories of the database of historical floorspace estimates developed by F.W. Dodge of McGraw-Hill, Inc. and forecast at the Census division level based on population, economic drivers (per capita income and interest rates), and historical time trends. To distinguish the Commercial Module floorspace forecast ultimately produced within the Commercial Module from that provided by the MAM, the latter is referred to as the MAM floorspace forecast in this report.

The Floorspace Submodule first backcasts the 1999 CBECS floorspace stock to its original construction years, and then simulates building retirements by convolving the time series of new construction with a logistic decay function. New floorspace construction during the forecast period is calculated in a way that causes total floorspace to grow at the rate indicated by the MAM forecast. In the event that the new additions computations produce a negative value for a specific building type, new additions are set to zero.

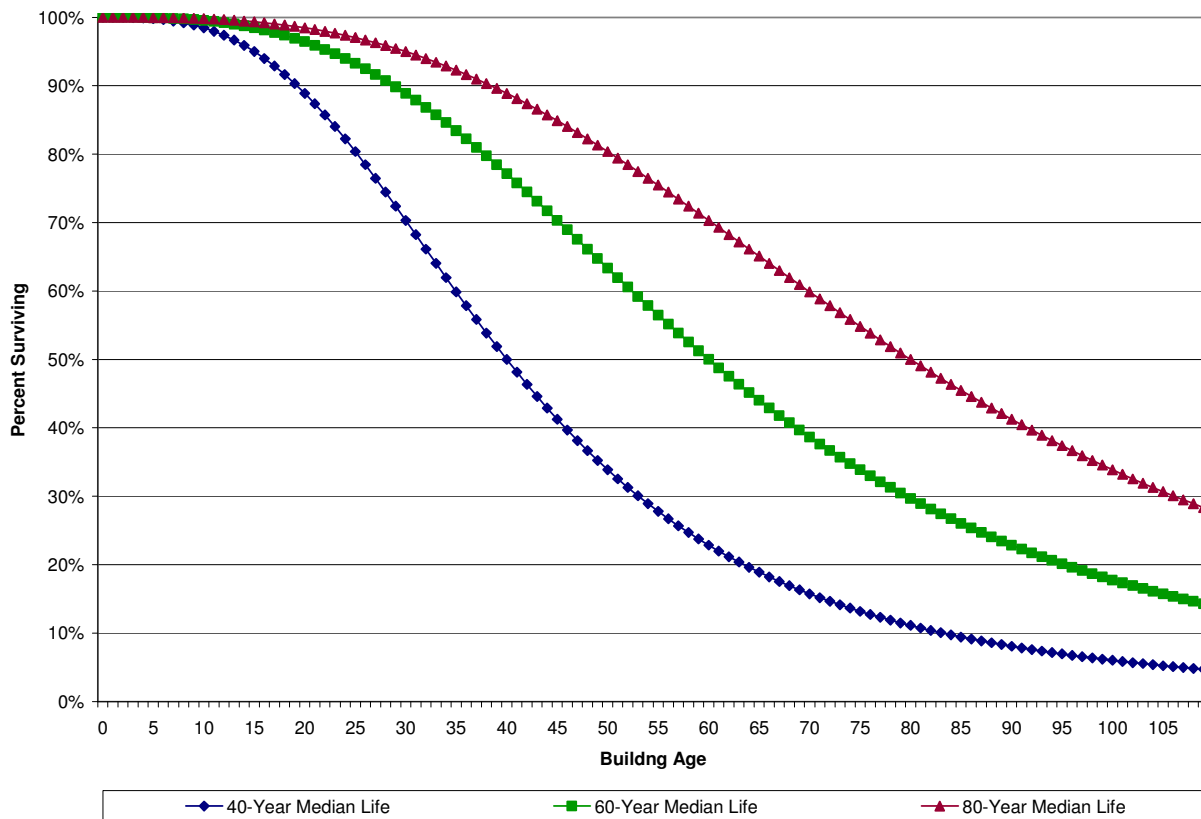
The building retirement function used in the Floorspace Submodule depends upon the values of two user inputs: average building lifetime, and gamma. The average building lifetime refers to the median expected lifetime of buildings of a certain type; that is, the period of time after construction when half of the buildings have retired, and half still survive. The gamma parameter, γ , corresponds to the rate at which buildings retire near their median expected lifetime. The proportion of buildings of a certain type built at the same time that are surviving after a

¹⁷For the methodology used to develop the MAM floorspace forecast, please see Energy Information Administration, *Model Documentation Report: Macroeconomic Activity Module (MAM) of the National Energy Modeling System*, DOE/EIA-M065 (2005) (Washington, DC, January 2005).

given period of time has passed is referred to as the survival rate. The survival rate is modeled by assuming a logistic functional form in the Commercial Module, and is given by Equation B-1 in appendix B. This survival function, also referred to as the retirement function, is of the form:

$$\text{Surviving Proportion} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\text{Building Age}}{\text{Median Lifetime}}\right)^\gamma} \quad (1)$$

Figure 10. Floorspace Survival Function Sensitivity to Median Building Lifetimes

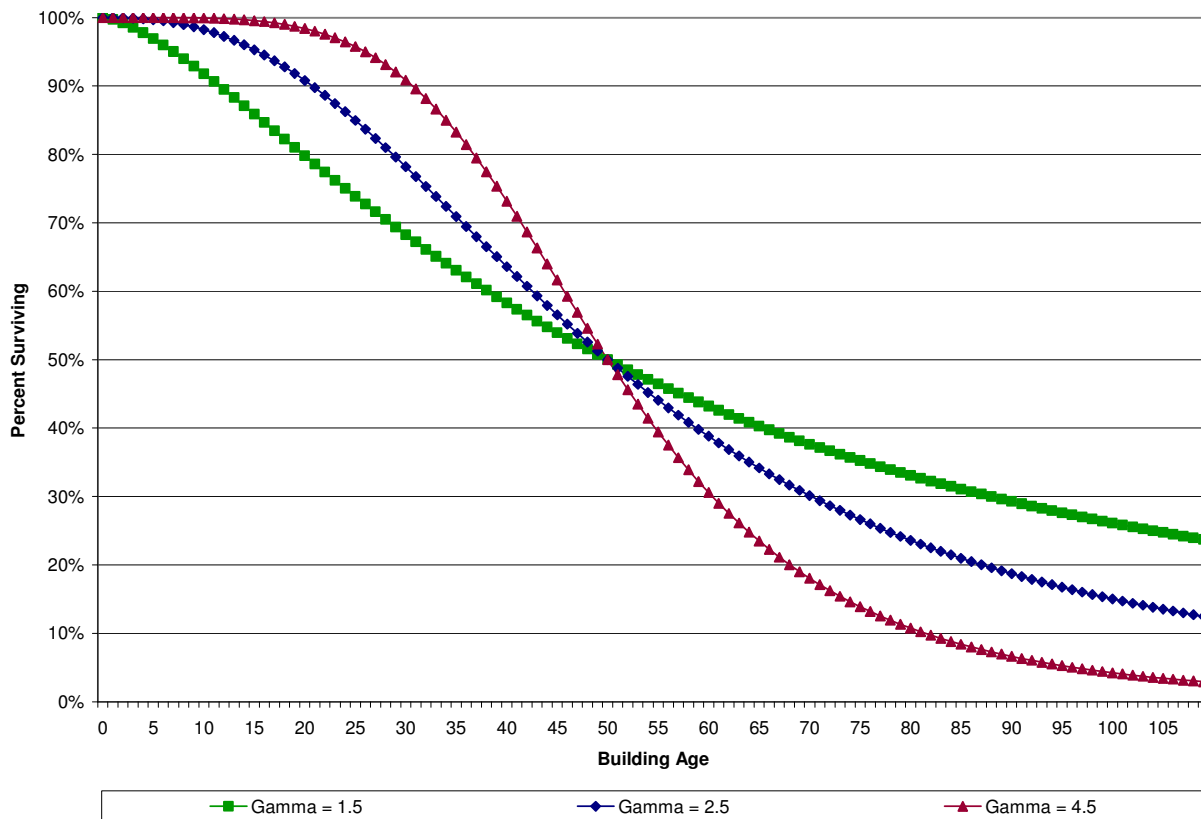


Existing floorspace retires over a longer time period if the median building lifetime is increased or over a shorter time as the average lifetime is reduced as depicted in Figure 10 using a constant gamma value of 3.0. Average building lifetimes are positively related to consumption; the longer the average building lifetime, the more slowly new construction with its associated higher-efficiency equipment enters the market, prolonging the use of the lower-

efficiency equipment in the surviving stock. This scenario results in a higher level of energy consumption than in the case of accelerated building retirements and phase-in of new construction.

The user-specified gamma parameter partly determines the shape of the survival rate function that defines the acceleration of the rate of retirement around the average building lifetime. The effects of varying the value of gamma with an assumed median building lifetime of 50 years are illustrated in Figure 11. The larger the value of gamma, the slower the initial rate of retirement and the steeper the survival curve near the median lifetime. This implies greater numbers of buildings retiring at or very near the average lifetime. Large values of gamma should be avoided, as this implies that a vintage of buildings will retire almost entirely at its average lifetime. The converse is true as well. Small gamma values will retire floorspace more evenly over the range of lifetimes. Negative values of gamma will not produce a decay or retirement function but rather a penetration function with increasing values. A gamma value of zero yields a straight horizontal line at the 50 percent share mark. Such a value implies that immediately after construction only half the floorspace remains, but it survives forever, and therefore has no realistic economic meaning. Hence, gamma must be restricted to values greater than zero for the purposes of the NEMS Commercial Module.

Figure 11. Alternative Gamma Assumptions and Results



The gamma parameter impacts final energy consumption by determining how gradually the floorspace vintage is retired. A large gamma causes nearly the entire vintage to retire within a few years of the average building lifetime, which in turn results in replacement of the retiring floorspace with new construction in an equally uneven manner. Uneven retirement and construction results in rapid escalation of average equipment efficiencies as large amounts of new equipment are rapidly introduced, resulting in an erratic consumption time path.

The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module is designed to accept user inputs for gamma and median building lifetime, by building type. This flexibility enables the Module to reflect the distinguishing characteristics of the different building types. The median building lifetime and gamma values are assumed to be the same across geographic regions. The current values for these model inputs, based on analysis of data from the previous three CBECS and other sources referenced in Appendix A, are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Floorspace Survival Parameters

Building Type	Median Building Lifetime (years)	Gamma
Assembly	54	2.2
Education	66	3.0
Food Sales	52	1.6
Food Service	52	1.9
Health Care	48	2.3
Lodging	52	2.2
Large Office	58	1.7
Small Office	58	1.6
Mercantile/Service	52	2.4
Warehouse	66	1.9
Other	54	2.5

Surviving floorspace from previous years depends on both the composition of the base year (1999) CBECS stock and all new floorspace added between 1999 and the current year of the forecast. In addition, survival characteristics vary among building types. Specifically, in order to calculate the surviving floorspace in a given year, it is necessary to consider the amounts and building types of all floorspace by vintage range, as well as the corresponding survival parameters. This is accomplished in the Commercial Module using the following approach:

1. During the first pass through the algorithm, existing CBECS floorspace by building type, Census division, and vintage range, is input from file KFLSPC.
2. The median year of construction for each vintage range is input from file KVINT. These values also vary with building type and Census division.
3. The key building survival parameters discussed above are input from file KBLDG. These include the median lifetime for each building type, and a shape parameter (gamma) that characterizes the shape of the Logistic Building Survival Function used to represent the surviving proportion of original floorspace as a function of time, for each building type. The mathematical expression of the Logistic Building Survival Function is given by Equation B-1 in Appendix B.
4. Based on the building parameters described in step 3, base year CBECS floorspace is backcast to new floorspace in the original year of construction. Conceptually, this is simply the inverse building retirement, and is performed using Equation B-2 of Appendix B. Basically, if the age of a given amount of floorspace is known, then the original year of construction and the surviving proportion as given by Equation 1 or B-1 are also known. The relationship of these quantities is given by:

$$\text{Surviving Stock} = (\text{Original Stock}) \cdot (\text{Surviving Proportion}) \quad (2)$$

Dividing the surviving stock by the surviving proportion gives the original stock in the year of construction. This time series of new floorspace is concatenated with the new floorspace projected for previous years of the forecast (described below) to produce a total history of new additions to floorspace, starting with the original stock of the oldest vintage (currently 1825) in CBECS. Surviving floorspace in any given year is then calculated for each building type by using the appropriate survival parameters to determine the proportion of original stock that survives from each prior year into the current year of the forecast. This is accomplished using the calculation shown by Equation B-3 in Appendix B.

In order to calculate new additions to floorspace in the current forecast year, the surviving floorspace calculated above is combined with the total floorspace forecast provided by MAM as follows:

1. Within each Census division, the total amount of floorspace for each CBECS building type is calculated so as to change from the prior year to the current year by the same proportion exhibited by the corresponding combination of MAM building types. The mapping from the MAM building types to the CBECS building types is represented by a transformation matrix named DRIToCBECS. The thirteen building types forecasted in the MAM are: Amusement, Automotive, Dormitory, Education, Health, Hotel, Manufacturing, Miscellaneous, Office, Public Service, Religious, Store, and Warehouse.¹⁸ New additions are obtained by subtracting the surviving floorspace forecast from the total CBECS floorspace forecast. For reasons described below, this is merely the first estimate of new additions to CBECS floorspace. The calculation is illustrated by Equations B-4 and B-6. Equation B-5 simply prevents negative new additions by replacing such occurrences with zero.
2. Due to differences between the CBECS and MAM data sources, the results obtained in the previous step do not guarantee that the total floorspace growth rate for each entire Census division will be in agreement with the MAM forecast. Therefore, the growth rates by building type obtained in the previous step are uniformly modified within each Census division in such a way that Census division level growth rate agreement between the Commercial Module and the MAM forecast is achieved. This is accomplished using Equations B-7 and B-8.
3. New additions to floorspace for each CBECS building type are obtained by subtracting the floorspace forecast as surviving into the current year from the total floorspace in the current year calculated in step 2, as shown by Equations B-8 and B-9, completing the forecast of new floorspace. The final value obtained for total floorspace is then given by Equation B-10.

This approach is necessary because the floorspace forecast read from the NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module is not available as separate forecasts for new additions and existing floorspace stock.

Service Demand Submodule

As indicated in Table 1, the Commercial Module partitions energy-consuming activities in the commercial sector into ten services. For reference, these are:

¹⁸The Commercial Module does not use the floorspace forecast for manufacturing buildings provided by the NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module. Energy consumption in manufacturing buildings is included in the NEMS Industrial Demand Module.

<u>Index</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>
1	Space Heating	(Major)
2	Space Cooling	(Major)
3	Water Heating	(Major)
4	Ventilation	(Major)
5	Cooking	(Major)
6	Lighting	(Major)
7	Refrigeration	(Major)
8	Office Equipment - Personal Computers	(Minor)
9	Office Equipment - Other than Personal Computers	(Minor)
10	Other	(Minor)

The Service Demand Submodule accounts for the delivered energy for each end-use service demanded. The service demand is sensitive to a variety of inputs including base year (1999) energy use intensities (EUIs), base year efficiencies of equipment, efficiencies of building shells, short-term price elasticities, and weather.¹⁹ Service demands for District Services and solar thermal space heating are considered separately.

The base year EUIs represent the average amount of energy required to obtain a given service for a defined area. Currently the model uses EUI estimates developed from CBECS 1999 building-level consumption estimates and conditional demand analysis of the CBECS 1995 consumption survey disaggregated by service, fuel type, building type, and Census division.²⁰ The concept that fuel is consumed in commercial buildings in order to satisfy demands for the services enumerated above is central to the model. Service demand is defined as Btus out (amount of

¹⁹Impacts on service demands due to price elasticity, weather, and the "rebound" effect are calculated by the End-Use Consumption Submodule, based on the direct proportionality between fuel consumption and service demand. This is necessary because the fuel shares of provided service are not known until after the selection of the equipment mix by the Technology Choice Submodule.

²⁰Energy End Use Intensity estimates for CBECS 1999 are not available at the level of detail required for AEO2005. The EUI estimates for AEO2005 were derived by applying the results of the CBECS 1995 conditional demand analysis to the CBECS 1999 building-level consumption estimates. The results were then adjusted to

delivered energy). Equipment efficiency or equipment Coefficient of Performance (COP) of the technologies that meet required service demands, together with the distribution of that equipment and the levels of service demanded, determines the fuel consumption, or Btu input. Efficiency is defined as the ratio of Btus out to Btus in for a closed system, which is a system that does not draw from external sources for Btu transference. The COP is a more appropriate measure of equipment performance where the system is more open, as in the case of a heat pump. In the case of the heat pump, a small amount of energy is consumed in moving a larger amount of heat between the interior and exterior of a structure, making the COP greater than one, the theoretical maximum value for closed-system efficiency. The terms efficiency and COP are used interchangeably in this report when referring to the ratio of delivered to consumed energy. These terms are also used where either ventilation or lighting is the service, although the actual measure used in the model for ventilation is cubic feet per minute of ventilation air delivered to Btus in and that used for lighting is efficacy, defined as lumens delivered per watt of electricity consumed.

Service Demand Intensity (SDI), defined as the demand for a service per square foot of floorspace, varies with service, building type and location, but is assumed to remain constant for a given service in a given building type and location. The service demand obtained by multiplication of the SDI with the floorspace is, however, subject to modification by various factors such as shell efficiency and fuel price elasticity, as described below.

The service demand intensities are computed for the major services by applying the composite average equipment efficiency for the service to the EUI. This provides a more realistic picture of the energy needed to provide an end-use service since energy losses occur during conversion to a consumable service. The base year EUI for a given service is related to the SDI and the average efficiency of the base year equipment mix as follows:

$$SDI \left(\frac{Btu\ out}{ft^2} \right) = EUI \left(\frac{Btu\ in}{ft^2} \right) \cdot COP_{average} \quad (3)$$

The actual calculation of SDI in the model involves several additional considerations, such as buildings from which specific equipment is restricted, base year equipment market shares, and the distribution of Census division level equipment market shares across the different building types. In addition, since the model accommodates fuel switching, the total SDI for the service must be calculated, rather than an SDI corresponding to each fuel used in 1999. The basic calculation illustrated by Equation 3 is carried out by evaluation of Equations B-11 through B-20 in Appendix B for each major service.

account for equipment replacement, new construction, changes in operating hours, and weather differences between 1995 and 1999.

Minor services of Office Equipment and "Other" are modeled at a level of detail coarser than that performed for the major services. In particular, specific discrete minor service technologies are not characterized within the Commercial Module; instead, the efficiency of the composite mix of technologies for a given minor service is modeled as evolving relative to its base year (1999) level. The actual base year average efficiency of the minor service equipment mix is indexed to equal one, resulting in the minor service SDI and EUI values being equal, as indicated by Equation B-21.

The basic computation of service demand for a given service in a given category of floorspace (new or surviving) is the same for major and minor services, namely:

$$\text{Service Demand}(Btu\ out) = SDI \left(\frac{Btu\ out}{ft^2} \right) \cdot \text{Floorspace} (ft^2) \quad (4)$$

The computation illustrated above is accomplished by evaluating Equations B-22, B-27, B-35, and B-36.

Building shell efficiencies for new construction are user inputs that can be modified to generate scenarios to reflect a variety of conservation policy options such as increased insulation or weather-stripping or new highly energy-efficient construction materials. Building shell improvements are assumed to affect service demands for both space heating and space cooling. However, Commercial buildings are typically not as "shell-driven" as residential buildings (they have less surface area per conditioned cubic volume), and as commercial building shell efficiency improves, more internally generated heat (from lighting, computer equipment, people, etc.) must be removed by air conditioning equipment. These two factors often cause shell improvements to increase cooling loads while heating loads are reduced. As a result, an average cooling load change is calculated based on the heating shell efficiency index. The source of data for calculating the differential cooling effect is a report developed for the U.S. Department of Energy by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.²¹

The present shell efficiencies are indexed to the average 1999 values by building type and Census division. The heating shell efficiency indices are modeled as increasing to user-specified values in 2025. For *AEO2005*, floorspace surviving from the base-year floorstock is assumed to improve a maximum of 5 percent over the 1999 stock average by 2025, and new floorspace is assumed to improve 7 percent by 2025 relative to the efficiency of new construction in 1999. Heating shell efficiencies are then translated into cooling shell efficiencies using

²¹Sezgen, O., E.M. Franconi, J.G. Koomey, S.E. Greenberg, A. Afzal, and L. Showen, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, *Technology Data Characterizing Space Conditioning in Commercial Buildings: Application to End-Use Forecasting with COMMEND 4.0*, LBL-37065, (Berkeley, CA, December 1995).

coefficients based on averaging the changes in cooling loads caused by an improvement to the thermal integrity of the shell. Changing shell efficiencies impact Space Heating and Space Cooling service demands as follows:

$$\textit{Service Demand} = (\textit{Service Demand with 1999 shell}) \cdot (\textit{Shell Efficiency Index}) \quad (5)$$

The calculations involved in computing the appropriate shell efficiency index and evaluating the expression illustrated by Equation 5 are accomplished using Equations B-23 through B-26 and Equations B-28 through B-30.

The computation of service demand for space cooling, ventilation, and “Other” services is adjusted to account for the requirements of data centers that house large numbers of server computers and other internet-related equipment. Data centers are included in the large office category of commercial buildings with their proportion given by Equation B-31. The adjustment to account for increased service requirements is shown in Equations B-32 and B-33. Projections of data center floorspace as a share of large office buildings and estimates of additional cooling, ventilation, and “Other” needs are developed based on the literature referenced in Appendix A. Forecasts for the computers and other office equipment used in data centers are included in the Office Equipment projections discussed below.

The CBECS data indicate that a greater proportion of the floorspace is lit, heated, and cooled in buildings constructed after 1989, than in older buildings. The effect of these service demand differences between newer and older buildings has been captured, and is accounted for using Equation B-34

While the market for major services is generally assumed to be saturated, additional penetration of the minor services of Office Equipment (both PC and NonPC) and "Other" is modeled. Forecasts of continuing market penetration are prepared offline as described in Appendix A, and incorporated into the service demand forecast for these minor services using Equations B-37 and B-38.

The portion of service demand satisfied by solar water heaters is computed endogenously as solar water heating technologies are included in the Technology Choice Submodule. However, the portion of service demand satisfied by solar space heating and daylighting is computed using exogenous forecasts for renewable energy for the commercial sector as described in the Appendix A description for the *SolarRenewableContrib* variable. The penetration of solar energy changes the amount of service demand, affecting the end-use consumption for the major services. The incorporation of solar services in this manner provides a useful method for policy analysis. By varying adoption of these technologies in response to policy mandates or incentive programs, the effects on consumption of conventional fuels can be determined. The calculations involved in modeling the penetration of solar services are performed by Equations B-39 and B-40.

The short term price elasticity of demand is currently provided for all end-use services. The parameters included in the Commercial Module are currently set to -0.25 for all major services except refrigeration, which is set to -0.10. A value of -0.05 is currently used for all types of office equipment and other minor uses of electricity. These values are representative of estimates provided in the literature as referenced in Table A-2. The elasticity parameters represent the short-term price responsiveness of the aforementioned service demands in the model. The values for the elasticities must necessarily be non-positive since the services are *normal goods*, meaning that, as fuel prices increase, the quantity demanded of energy services declines. The full elasticity effect is graduated or “lagged” over a three-year period to allow the degree of consumer response to vary with significant changes in fuel prices. In order to capture the effect of fuel price changes on demands for services satisfied by equipment using the affected fuel, the service demand elasticity calculation is postponed until after the final determination of the current year equipment mix as calculated by the Technology Choice Submodule. Because of the linear relationship between service demand and fuel consumption, as illustrated in Equation 3 above, a proportional change in service demand results in the same proportional change in fuel consumption. The calculation of the service demand elasticity effect for a given year is shown in Equation B-94. The service demand elasticity application is illustrated by Equation B-95. Equation B-95 also illustrates the modification of pure price elasticity to account for the fact that improving equipment and shell efficiencies reduce the actual cost of meeting certain service demands. Incorporation of this “take-back” or “rebound” effect, and the weather correction (described in the End-Use Consumption Submodule section), is also postponed until the calculation of fuel consumption.

By contrast, long term responses to energy prices are determined endogenously through potentially altered equipment choices. Installed equipment costs, equipment and building shell efficiencies, energy prices, hurdle rates, and annual equipment utilization rates all interact to affect demand and determine long term energy price responses. The paper “Price Responsiveness in the *AEO2003* NEMS Residential and Commercial Buildings Sector Models,” available on EIA’s web site, provides a thorough discussion of both short term and long term price response in the Commercial Demand Module.²²

The final responsibility of the Service Demand Submodule is to determine the amount of service demand in surviving floorspace that becomes unsatisfied in the current forecast year due to failure of equipment. A simplified equipment vintaging scheme is employed, where each year a proportion of each type of equipment fails, with the proportion given by the reciprocal of the expected equipment lifetime expressed in years. Thus, if the expected lifetime for a particular piece of equipment were 10 years, the Commercial Module assumes that each year one tenth of the total amount of that equipment fails. This relationship is used to split the total amount of service demand in

²²See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/analysispaper/elasticity/index.html>.

surviving floorspace into the portion in need of equipment replacement and the surviving portion, for satisfaction by appropriate decisions in the Technology Choice Submodule. The calculation of this split is performed by Equations B-41 and B-42.

Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) SubModule

The Distributed Generation and CHP Submodule (subroutine CDistGen) projects electricity generation, fuel consumption and water and space heating supplied by 10 distributed generation technologies. The characterized technologies include: photovoltaics, natural gas (fuel cells, reciprocating engines, turbines and microturbines), diesel engines, coal fired CHP, municipal solid waste and wood generators, and hydroelectric.²³

Initialization of CHP electricity generation for historical years by technology, Census division and building type are developed from data contained in the most recent year's version of the Form EIA-860 Database, Annual Electric Generator Report. Fuel types are first mapped to appropriate generating technologies. Next an estimate of the number of buildings incorporating this technology is developed based on total generated electricity (from Form 860) divided by the average generation of electricity for the particular technology to which the fuel type was mapped (Equation B-144). The estimated units then form the installed base of CHP equipment that is carried forward into future years and supplemented with any projected additions. Energy consumption and usable waste heat (used first for water heating and then for space heating if sufficient amounts are generated) are computed based on technology characteristics (Equations B-146 and B-147).

For forecast years, distributed generation technology penetration rates are estimated by Census division and building type and vary depending on floorspace vintage (newly constructed versus existing floorspace). Technology penetration rates for new construction are determined by how quickly an investment in a technology is estimated to recoup its flow of costs. Penetration parameters are allowed to vary by technology and are as high as 30 percent when investment pay back is one year. Investments that pay back in less than a year may achieve even greater penetration, up to a maximum of 75 percent. That is, up to 75 percent of new construction in any year can potentially include a specific distributed generation technology. For retrofitting distributed generation into existing floorspace, penetration is limited, by assumption, to a much lower rate. The limit is the lesser of 0.5 percent or the

²³ Assumed technology characterizations for natural gas-fired CHP technologies are currently based on National Renewable Energy Laboratory, *Gas-Fired Distributed Energy Resource Technology Characterizations*, Reference Number NREL/TP-620-34783, November 2003, available at www.osti.gov/bridge. Oil-fired engine specifications are from ONSITE SYCOM Energy Corporation, *The Market and Technical Potential for Combined Heat and Power in the Commercial/Institutional Sector*, prepared for U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Information Administration, January 2000. Solar photovoltaic specifications are from Navigant Consulting, Inc., *The Changing Face of Renewable Energy, public study*, June 2003.

penetration rate into new construction divided by 50. The limit is in effect if penetration into new construction exceeds 25 percent.

For new construction, penetration rates are a direct function of the number of years required to achieve a cumulative positive cashflow for the investment. This approach is related to, but different from the “simple payback” concept. Simple paybacks are merely the investment cost divided by estimated annual savings. The cumulative positive cashflow approach incorporates financing assumptions in the calculations and can yield payback estimates that are faster than what would be computed as the simple payback (it can also yield “infinite” paybacks if the cumulative cash flow never becomes positive). The working assumption is that for new construction, investment in distributed generation technologies is rolled-in with the mortgage. The calculations for new construction assume the financing of such investments under commercial mortgage rate parameters supplied in the generation technology input file. In addition to energy savings, the timing and magnitude of tax effects are included in the cashflow calculation, thus allowing the modeling of tax policies.

For each potential investment decision, a cashflow analysis covering 30 years from the date of investment is made (see Equations B-131 through B-167 for details). The calculations include the costs (down payments, loan payments, maintenance costs and fuel costs) and returns (tax deductions, tax credits and energy cost savings) from the investment. In any particular year, the net of costs and returns can either be positive or negative. If the return is positive, then the cumulative net cashflow increases. For current technologies the purchase costs and investment returns are such that the first year’s cash flow is negative. Thus, the technology starts out with a negative year 1 cash flow which will then either increase or decrease based on the net economic returns. Tax credits are modeled as one-time payments to the commercial entity in year 2 of the investment, assuming that a wait on average of 1 year is needed to receive the credits. Tax credits can have a major effect on increasing the rapidity of achieving a positive cumulative net cashflow. Once the 30-year analysis is complete, the number of years required to reach a positive cashflow is passed on to the penetration function for newly constructed floorspace.

The allowed depreciation treatment for distributed generation technologies can play an important role in determining penetration rates. Depreciation allowances in NEMS represent initial costs, including material and labor installation costs, divided by the tax life of the equipment. Current tax regulation provides that distributed generation technologies be depreciated using the straight-line depreciation method. To facilitate the modeling of potential tax policies, the Commercial Demand model allows the user to select a depreciation method via the kgentk.txt file. The user selects between the straight-line depreciation method and the accelerated depreciation method (i.e. declining balance method) by providing an input for each forecast year. A value of 100 percent indicates straight-line depreciation while a value greater than 100 (200 or 150 percent) indicates the declining method. For AEO2005, the depreciation treatment has been defaulted as straight-line depreciation with a tax life of 39.5 years, based on current legislation. The only exception to this rule is photovoltaic technology, which is depreciated under a Modified

Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) classification using a 5-year tax life and 200 percent declining balance depreciation as allowed by current tax laws. The depreciation calculation is illustrated in Equations B-139 through B-141.

The penetration function for new construction is assumed to have a “logistic” shape that produces slow initial penetration followed by a period of more rapid growth and ending with a tapering-off effect (Equation B-160). The alpha and *penparm* coefficients control the shape and the maximum penetration allowed, respectively. The coefficients for maximum penetration vary depending on whether the distributed generation technology uses natural gas or solar energy versus some other fuel. The other technologies like coal and diesel will generally be subject to environmental constraints and as such are not expected to grow significantly over the forecast horizon. Thus, maximum penetration for them has been set extremely low to agree with this expectation. The maximum penetration for the natural gas and solar technologies has been limited to 75 percent of new construction when investments pay back in less than one year. The technology-specific penetration function coefficients are supplied in the generation technology input file as defined in Appendix A.

The endogenous driver for penetration is the number of years calculated until a positive cumulative cashflow is achieved. In many cases, this may never occur, and the number of years is set to 30. The result is that as economic returns improve, the period required to meet the positive cumulative cashflow requirement is shortened and penetration increases. Figure 12 represents the penetration function under current assumptions of a maximum assumed penetration of 75 percent for new construction.

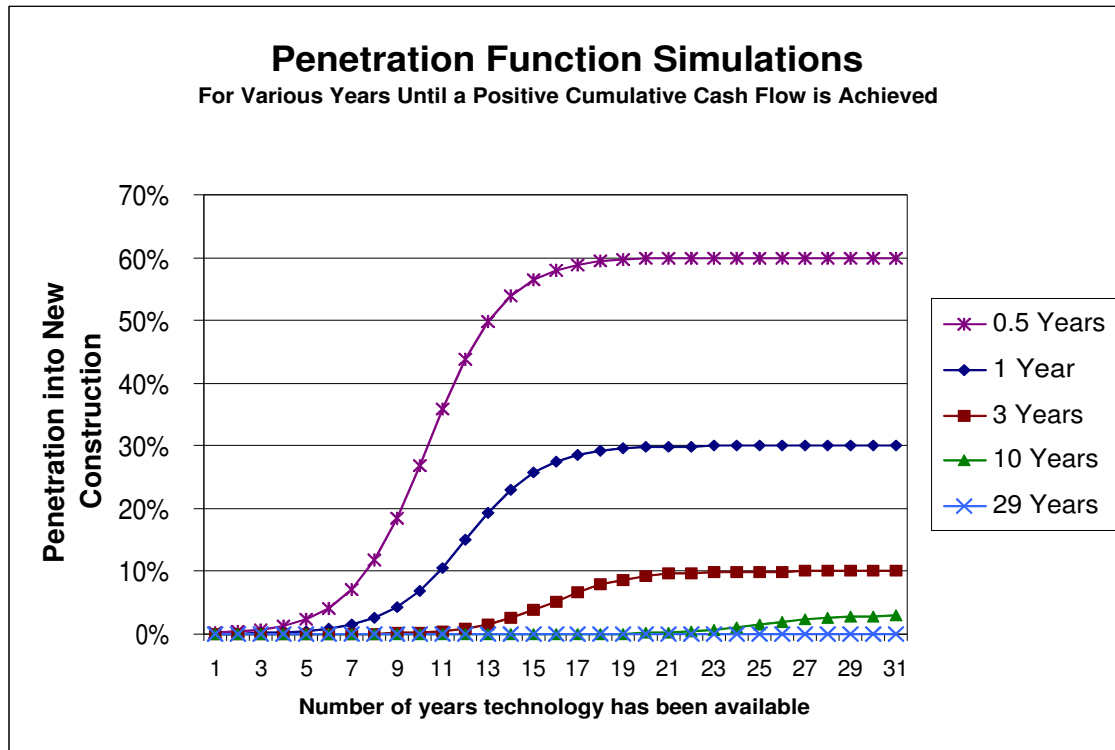
Economic returns and hence penetration rates are potentially affected by “learning cost effects” that are modeled for emerging distributed generation technologies. Learning effects reduce projected installed costs as an emerging technology gains “maturity” from increasing cumulative shipments over time. Such effects are often referred to as stemming from “learning-by-doing.”²⁴ There are currently three emerging distributed generation technologies for which learning effects are included, photovoltaics, fuel cells and microturbine generators.

Operationally, distributed generation technology costs for emerging technologies are represented as the minimum of 1) a “menu” cost read in from the distributed generation technology input file, and 2) an endogenous cost that incorporates learning effects (Equation B-131). The endogenous learning cost incorporates an inverse relationship between installed cost and cumulative shipments. Thus, the modeled installed cost can be lower than the menu-input cost depending upon the magnitude of cumulative shipments (which are in turn driven by technology

²⁴For a review of the literature on learning costs as well as empirical results for buildings equipment see Richard G. Newell, “Incorporation of Technological Learning into NEMS Buildings Modules,” Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC, September 29, 2000.

penetration rates). The learning cost function is driven by cumulative shipments and includes two parameters, alpha and beta. Alpha represents the first unit cost and beta is the learning “parameter” which determines the sensitivity of cost changes to cumulative shipments. Since first unit costs are generally unobservable, the learning functions calculate a value for first unit cost that calibrates to the current installed costs for the technology given current cumulative shipments and the assumed value of beta.

Figure 12. Penetration Function for Distributed Generation Submodule



The calibrated first cost estimates are given in Table 5 along with the learning parameters. The larger the learning parameter, the greater the cost declines for a given percentage increase in cumulative shipments. We are unaware of any studies that apply directly to the type of commercial generating equipment modeled. Thus, the beta learning parameters were judgmentally chosen. Dutton and Thomas (1984)²⁵ found parameters in the range of those used for the commercial distributed generation technologies to be among the more common values reported in 22 empirical studies covering 108 types of equipment. The parameter for micro turbines was assumed so as to yield smaller cost declines since that technology is already the least expensive and similar to gas turbine technology that is much more “mature” than any of the three emerging technologies represented.

Table 5. Distributed Generation Technology Learning Function Parameters

TECHNOLOGY	CALIBRATED FIRST COST (PER KW)	LEARNING PARAMETER (BETA)
Photovoltaic Systems (PV)	\$14,000	0.2
Fuel Cells	\$7,000	0.2
Micro Turbines	\$2,000	0.15

In terms of the NEMS projections, investments in distributed generation reduce purchases of electricity from the “supply-side” of NEMS. If the investment is photovoltaic, renewable energy replaces energy input to electric utilities for the self-generated amounts. If generated by fuel cells or other fuel-consuming technology, utility consumption of fuel is replaced by commercial fuel consumption. Fuel consuming technologies also generate waste heat which is assumed to be partially captured and used to offset commercial energy use for water heating and space heating. Depending on a fuel consuming technology’s performance characteristics, the substitution of self-generation for utility generation could increase primary energy consumption. For photovoltaics, primary energy consumption is lower than what would otherwise be projected.

Technology Choice Submodule

The Technology Choice Submodule models the economic decision-making process by which commercial agents choose equipment to meet their end-use demands. One feature of the current approach that distinguishes it from alternative modeling approaches is its representation of the heterogeneity of agents in the commercial sector. The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module segments commercial agents using three behavior rules and seven distinct time preference premium categories. This type of segmentation incorporates the notion that all agents do not consider the same set of parameters in the optimization within the commercial sector. Some participants may display specific behavior due to existing biases regarding certain equipment types or fuels. In addition, the distribution of time preference premiums represents a variety of commercial agents' attitudes about the desirability of current versus future expenditures with regard to capital, O&M, and fuel costs.

Each one of the above market segments is faced by one of three decisions, 1) to purchase new equipment for new buildings, 2) to purchase replacement equipment for retiring equipment in existing buildings or, 3) to purchase

²⁵Dutton, J. M. and A. Thomas, Treating Progress Functions as a Managerial Opportunity, *Academy of Management Review*, 1984, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 235-247.

retrofit equipment or retain existing equipment for existing buildings. Within each market segment, the commercial agent will search the available technology menu for the least cost alternative within the constraints of the applicable behavior rule.

Choosing the least cost alternative within a market segment involves a tradeoff among capital cost, fuel cost, and operating and maintenance (O&M) cost. In the case of renewable energy-consuming equipment, costs may also include the cost of backup equipment. The relative importance of each cost component is a function of consumer time preference. The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module sets all other attributes of a technology constant across choices, and these other attributes do not influence the technology choice decision modeled by the algorithm.

Each technology is modeled to preserve a proportional response between capital, fuel and O&M inputs and the service output for these technologies. In addition, the technology costs are represented for comparison in such a way that, for a given total cost, a dollar increase in capital cost must imply more than a dollar decrease in fuel and O&M costs since the dollar spent today for capital is worth more than any future dollar. Therefore, a tradeoff in the form of additional reduction in other costs is necessary in order for the perceived total cost to remain constant. In addition to this tradeoff, this component allows for optional expectations modeling, in that price expectations can be used to determine the fuel costs over the expected economic lifetime of the equipment.

The algorithm is designed to choose among a discrete set of available technologies for each decision. The Technology Choice Submodule computes the annualized equipment cost per unit of delivered service as the method of weighting the attributes (capital cost, fuel cost, etc.) and developing a composite score for the technology. Technology choice among the alternatives is made based on the minimum annualized cost per unit of service demand (subject to constraints on the set of potential technologies represented by the behavior rules discussed below). The annualized cost represents the discounted flow of all O&M, capital, and fuel costs of the technology over its lifetime. The discount rate is embedded in this annualized cost through a factor that converts the one time capital and installation costs into an equivalent annuity of equal annual payments over the equipment lifetime. The basic form of the expression for equipment cost used in the Commercial Sector Demand Module is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Annualized cost}}{\text{unit of delivered service}} &= (\text{annuitized purchase \& installation cost component}) \\ &+ (\text{yearly O \& M component}) \\ &+ (\text{expected yearly fuel cost component}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

The unit of service demand referred to above that is used in the Commercial Module calculations is thousand Btu delivered per hour for all end-use services except lighting and ventilation. The unit of service demand used for lighting is thousand lumens delivered and that used for ventilation is thousand cubic feet per minute of air delivered.

Consideration of the building capacity utilization factor is necessary because, unlike the purchase and installation costs, the yearly O&M and fuel costs will vary depending on the intensity of equipment use.

The Commercial Sector Demand Module contains the option to use a cost function to estimate the unit installed capital cost of equipment as a function of time during the interval of equipment availability, rather than limiting technologies to specific models with constant costs during the model years of availability. The choice to enable the cost trend function is specified through the Commercial Module user parameter `CostTrendSwitch`. Currently, cost trends represented are of logistic functional form and are separated into three categories corresponding to technology maturity: Infant, emerging or future technologies; Adolescent, existing technologies with significant potential for further market penetration and price decline; and, Mature, technologies not expected to decline further in cost. The Adolescent and Infant categories require specification of the initial year of price decline, the year of inflection in the price trajectory, the ultimate price reduction as a proportion of initial cost, and a shape parameter, gamma, governing the rate of price decline. The Mature category corresponds to the previous constant-cost representation. The cost trend function specifications are input through the technology characterization file as described in Appendix A. The cost trend function is enabled in the default mode of model operation, although lighting is the only service to use technologies specified as Adolescent or Infant at the current time. The calculation of unit costs using the cost trend function is presented in Equation B-49.

The electricity prices used to develop the annualized fuel costs, in the default mode, are end-use specific prices developed by weight-averaging time-of-day rates by expected time-of use patterns. The incorporation of prices relevant to a particular end-use service accommodates the move to competitive marginal cost pricing expected as a result of the deregulation of electricity markets. Average annual prices by Census division are used to develop the annualized fuel costs for the other major fuels.

The actual calculation of the annualized cost for comparison of candidate technologies is performed using Equation B-54. For decisions regarding space heating and cooling equipment, the calculation includes a shell efficiency factor, incorporating the effects that building shell improvements have on annual fuel costs. The shell efficiency factor, illustrated in Equations B-50 and B-51, uses the same shell efficiency indices calculated in the Service Demand Submodule. The effective hurdle (implicit discount) rate used in Equation B-54 is given by Equations B-52 and B-53 and discussed in the section on Time Preferences.

The cost relevant to consumers and the menu of technologies varies by consumer and choice. Therefore, a distribution of technologies, rather than a single technology, is chosen when the decisions of various consumers are consolidated. A distribution is more representative of consumer response than a forecast that assumes all consumers choose the same technology. There are nine combinations of commercial consumer behavior rules and decision

types with which technology choice decisions are made in the Commercial Module. These are presented in Table 6 and described in greater detail below.

Table 6. Array of Technology Choices and Consumer Behaviors

Decision Type→ Behavior Rule ↓	New	Replacement	Retrofit
Least Cost	New Equipment, Least Cost Rule	Replacement Equipment, Least Cost Rule	Retrofit Decision, Least Cost Rule
Same Fuel	New Equipment, Same Fuel Rule	Replacement Equipment, Same Fuel Rule	Retrofit Decision, Same Fuel Rule
Same Technology	New Equipment, Same Technology Rule	Replacement Equipment, Same Technology Rule	Retrofit Decision, Same Technology Rule

Behavior Rules

The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module simulates a range of economic factors influencing consumer purchase decisions by assuming that consumers use one of three behavior rules in their technology choice decisions. These behavior rules are:

- **Least Cost Rule** -- Purchase the equipment with the smallest annualized cost without regard to currently installed technologies or fuels used;
- **Same Fuel Rule** -- Purchase equipment that uses the same fuel as existing or retiring equipment, but within that constraint, minimize costs;
- **Same Technology Rule** -- Purchase (or keep) the same class of technology as the existing or retiring equipment, but choose the model within that technology class that minimizes the annualized costs.

The same basic decision logic applies to all of these rules, but the behavior rule determines the set of technologies from which the selection is made. A consumer following the least cost behavior rule chooses from all available technologies and all available fuels. A consumer following the same fuel behavior rule chooses from a more

restrictive array of technologies. A consumer following the same technology behavior rule would select from one class of technologies, choosing among all available models of equipment in that class.

As discussed above, the Commercial Sector Demand Module segments consumers into three behavior rule categories. Ideally, survey data would provide an indication of what proportion of the commercial sector follows each rule. The Technology Choice Submodule currently incorporates proportions by building type and decision type based on an analysis of data from CBECS 1995 and CBECS 1999. Data regarding the ownership and occupants of commercial buildings forms the basis of proportions of the market that act according to each behavior rule for each decision type. Special considerations and interactions between the behavior rules and decision types are described in the section on decision types. The CBECS data is combined with other data characterizing consumer behavior obtained from published literature to develop the behavior rule proportions incorporated in the Module.²⁶ Changing these proportions impacts final consumption estimates.

The supporting data from CBECS 1999, including building stock ownership patterns for 1999, is presented in Table 7. The categories provided are:

- Total Floorspace of All Buildings
- Total Floorspace of All Nongovernment Owned Buildings
- Owner Occupied
- Nonowner Occupied

Specific ownership categories are developed from this data, including but not limited to:

- Nongovernment, Non-owner Occupied, which is the difference between Total Nongovernment Owned and Nongovernment Owner Occupied; and
- Government Owned, which is the difference between Total Floorspace and Nongovernment Owned.

This disaggregation, combined with analysis of consumer behavior literature, results in the behavior rule proportions. The methodology to develop these proportions is described below. The three issues that are examined to determine which behavior rule applies are construction, ownership, and occupancy. Appendix A provides additional documentation and sources for the information in Table 6 and this discussion.

²⁶Further discussion regarding the behavior rule assumptions and specific references for the published literature on consumer behavior is provided in the Appendix E discussion on data quality for User-Defined Parameters.

equipment are referred to as decision types and described below. There are three equipment purchase decision types for commercial sector consumers. These decision types are:

- **New** -- Choose equipment for new buildings;
- **Replacement** -- Choose replacement equipment for retiring equipment in existing buildings;
- **Retrofit** -- Choose retrofit equipment to replace equipment that continues to function in existing buildings, or leave existing equipment in place.

Previously, the Service Demand Submodule computed the total amount of service demand falling into each of the three Decision Type categories given above. The Technology Choice Submodule must first determine the mix of equipment and corresponding fuel shares represented in the Replacement and Retrofit Decision Types. This is accomplished by Equations B-43 through B-47 given in Appendix B.

For new buildings, consumers using the least cost behavior rule choose from among all current technologies and all fuels. Identification of the least cost equipment from the perspective of each consumer time preference segment is made using Equation B-56. Consumers using the same fuel behavior rule choose from among current technologies that use the same fuel as surviving buildings (buildings that do not retire). Identification of the least cost equipment for each fuel from the perspective of each consumer time preference segment is made using Equation B-57. Proportions of consumers in this category who choose each fuel are assumed to equal the overall fuel shares that prevailed in existing buildings during the previous year, which is reflected in the individual terms of Equation B-60. Similarly, the identification of least cost models for each technology for the consumers following the same technology rule is illustrated by Equation B-58. As with the same fuel rule, the proportions of consumers within this segment that stick with each particular technology class is assumed to equal the overall market share distribution of those technologies within existing buildings during the previous year, as reflected in the individual terms of Equation B-62.

For equipment replacement decisions, consumers using the least cost behavior rule choose from among all current technologies, as illustrated again by Equation B-56. Consumers using the same fuel behavior rule choose from among current technologies which use the same fuel as was used by the retiring equipment. The proportions of consumers within the same fuel rule attempting to preserve the use of each fuel are equal to the fuel shares represented in aggregate by the equipment in need of replacement, as reflected in the individual terms of Equation B-61. Consumers using the same technology behavior rule choose the least costly vintage of the same technology as the technology in need of replacement. As with the same fuel rule, the proportions of consumers within the same technology category attempting to retain equipment within each technology class are equal to the market shares of retiring equipment classes within the aggregate service demand in need of replacement, as reflected in the individual terms of the right side of Equation B-63.

For the retrofit decision, which involves the choice of retaining equipment that continues to function, or replacing it with equipment in order to reduce costs, the costs of purchasing new equipment as described above must be compared against the cost of retaining existing equipment. In order to make this comparison, the existing equipment capital costs are considered sunk costs, meaning that these costs are set to zero. If retrofit equipment is purchased, the decision maker must pay the capital and installation costs of both the existing equipment and the retrofit equipment. If existing equipment is retained, the decision maker continues to pay just the capital and installation costs of the existing equipment. Therefore, the capital and installation costs of existing equipment are netted out, since it is irrelevant to the retrofit decision. (This analysis assumes zero salvage value for existing equipment). The cost calculation is similar to that illustrated by Equation 6 above, except without the purchase and installation component. However, the cost of removing and disposing of existing equipment must be considered. This cost is expressed in the Commercial Sector Demand Module technology characterization database as a specified fraction of the original purchase and installation cost, and is annualized over the equipment lifetime. The resulting calculation of the annualized cost of retaining the existing equipment is given by Equation B-66. As in the calculation of the annualized cost of new equipment, the annualized cost of retaining existing space heating or cooling equipment includes the shell efficiency factor illustrated in Equations B-50 and B-51, incorporating the effects that building shell improvements have on fuel costs, and the effective hurdle rate given in Equations B-52 and B-53.

For the equipment retrofit decision, consumers using the least cost behavior rule choose from among all current technologies, comparing the cost of each as expressed by Equation B-54 against the cost of retaining the existing equipment as expressed by Equation B-66, and choosing the least cost result, as illustrated by Equation B-67. Consumers using the same fuel behavior rule choose from among current technologies, which use the same fuel as is currently used by the existing equipment, again comparing the cost of each against the cost of retaining the existing equipment, and choosing the least costly alternative, as indicated by Equation B-68. Two options are available in the Commercial Sector Demand Module to represent the choice behavior of consumers using the same technology behavior rule for the equipment retrofit decision. One option, used in the *AEO2005* reference case, is to allow selection from among available models in the same technology class, comparing the cost of each against the cost of retaining the existing equipment, and choosing the least costly alternative, as illustrated by Equation B-69. Alternatively, all consumers using the same technology behavior rule may be assumed to retain their existing equipment, as indicated by Equation B-72. The choice of methods is specified through the Commercial Module user parameter named *STRetBehav*.

The equipment selections made for each of the decision types and behavior rules described above will vary according to the time preference held by the consumer. These time preferences are discussed below in preparation for the description of consolidation of equipment choices to obtain the final equipment market shares.

Time Preferences

Consumers have different preferences on the value of money over time (the value of money now versus the value of money at some future time). Consumers' discount rates can be tied to many attributes of personal preference or in many cases to age cohort. For example, older consumers may have a higher time preference premium because they may have a shorter expected time over which they expect to enjoy the money.

This distribution is a function of factors aside from the market interest rate that render current dollars preferable to future dollars. The Commercial Sector Demand Module is designed to accept a distribution of time preferences as input. This is a discrete distribution; it takes the form of a list of real time preferences (premiums to the risk-free interest rate), and a proportion of commercial consumers corresponding to each time preference. The time preference distribution is modeled independently of the behavior rules. The time preference results in differences in consumer preferences between capital costs (paid initially) and fuel and O&M costs (incurred over the lifetime of the equipment). The value of the consumer's time preference interest rate premium influences the annualized installed capital cost through an annuity payment financial factor based on the 10-year Treasury bond rate, the time preference premium, and expected physical equipment lifetime. The sum of the 10-year Treasury bond rate and the consumer time preference premium is referred to as the implicit discount rate, i.e., the empirically based rate required to reflect actual purchases—the one implicitly used. The implicit discount rate is also known as a hurdle rate to emphasize consideration of all factors, both financial and nonfinancial, that affect an equipment purchase decision. The combination of these factors results in the height of the “hurdle” for the purchase decision.

The distribution of the consumer's interest rate premium impacts results in several aspects. If the distribution is denser at the high premiums, the annualized cost of capital for all new equipment will rise. Higher annualized capital cost implies that fewer buildings will be retrofitted and that equipment that has a higher installed capital cost is less likely to be chosen over a technology with a lower initial cost and higher operating and fuel costs. Typically, those technology and vintage combinations with high installed capital costs are high efficiency pieces of equipment, so that the indirect effect of this scenario is that fuel consumption is likely to be higher. The values currently used in the Commercial Sector Demand Module have been developed using case studies on the payback period or time preferences regarding the adoption of a specific technology. For *AEO2005*, the distribution of consumer time preference premiums is assumed constant over the forecast horizon under conditions of stable fuel prices. However, the model allows variation in the distribution on an annual basis to accommodate simulation of policy scenarios targeting consumers' hurdle (or implicit discount) rates. The module currently uses expected physical equipment lifetime as the discount horizon. Appendix A provides additional documentation and sources for the distribution of time preference premiums.

The distribution of hurdle rates used in the Commercial Module is affected by changes in fuel prices in addition to any annual changes input by the model user. If a fuel price rises relative to its price in the base year (1999), the

nonfinancial portion of each hurdle rate in the distribution decreases to reflect an increase in the relative importance of fuel costs, expected in an environment of rising fuel prices. The function representing the fuel price effects on hurdle rates is given by Equations B-52 and B-53. Parameter assumptions for *AEO2005* result in a 30 percent reduction in the nonfinancial portion of a hurdle rate with a doubling of fuel prices, down to a total hurdle rate of 15 percent, the assumed financial discount rate. If the time preference premium input by the model user results in a hurdle rate below 15 percent with base year fuel prices, no response to increasing fuel prices is assumed.

Consolidate Choices From Segments

Once the technology choices have been made for each segment represented for a given end-use service, these choices must be consolidated in order to obtain equipment market shares by building type, Census division, and decision type for the end-use. From these market shares, average efficiencies of the equipment mix and fuel shares may be obtained, with which the Consumption Submodule calculates fuel consumption.

The first step in consolidation involves combining the results obtained from the perspective of each consumer time preference segment to calculate market shares of equipment within each behavior rule segment of each decision type. Since a given time preference segment makes only one equipment selection for a given decision type and behavior rule, the market share of a given equipment type is computed for that decision type and behavior rule segment by simply adding up the proportions of consumers contained in each time preference segment that selected the equipment. This is the calculation performed by Equations B-59 through B-63 and B-70 through B-72, with the factors associated with same fuel and same technology proportions described previously.

The next step in the consolidation process is to calculate the market shares of equipment within each decision type, consolidated across the behavior rule segments. This is done using Equations B-64, B-65, and B-73 to obtain equipment market shares for the new, replacement, and retrofit decisions, respectively. This and the previously-described consolidation may be viewed as weighted sums, using as weights the quantities described in Table 8.

Table 8. Consolidating Service Demand Segments

Variable by Which Service Demand was Segmented	Weighting Variable for Consolidating Segments
Behavior Rule	Behavior rule service demand proportions
Consumer's Time Value of Money Preference	Consumer time preference proportions

After this point, all equipment used to provide the major services receives identical treatment, but the calculation of equipment market shares described above differs for the case of heat pumps, and deserves separate mention. The purchase decision of heat pumps is integrated to provide both space heating and space cooling. This is desirable because selection of the same heat pump for two services is not realistically accomplished using two independent decisions. Furthermore, if the utility of the heat pump for providing additional services is not considered during the purchase decision, then the total heat pump cost may appear unreasonably high in comparison with other equipment providing the service under consideration. Both of these considerations have been resolved in the current version of the Commercial Module using the following approach:

First, heat pumps are assumed to provide both space heating and cooling when purchased, but are considered for purchase during the course of satisfying demands for space heating. Heat pumps compete with other available space heating equipment in the normal fashion during the technology choice process with one notable exception: The installed capital cost of the heat pump for heating is not the total cost of purchasing and installing the heat pump, but rather the *incremental* cost of doing so over and above the cost of purchasing and installing a standard cooling equipment selection specified by the user. This captures the fact that the heat pump provides both space heating and space cooling, yet has only one purchase and installation cost. This adjustment to the installed capital cost retrieved from the technology characterization database is performed using Equation B-48.

During the technology choice process for satisfying space cooling service demands, heat pumps are excluded from selection due to the assumption that heat pumps will provide both space heating and cooling. Instead, market shares of cooling service demand satisfied by heat pumps are derived from the heat pumps selected to provide space heating. This is accomplished by assuming that the ratio of cooling to heating delivered by a heat pump over the course of the forecast year is equal to the ratio of cooling degree days to heating degree days for the Census division under consideration. From this assumption, the amount of cooling service demand satisfied by heat pumps is calculated, and hence their market shares of cooling service demand. This calculation is performed by Equation B-74. In order to account for the fact that equipment shares of cooling equipment other than heat pumps apply only to that portion of cooling service demand not satisfied by heat pumps, a final correction of the non heat pump market shares is then performed by Equations B-75 through B-77.

Fuel shares of service demand for the major services and fuels are calculated in a straightforward manner, by simply summing the equipment market shares of service demand of equipment using a given fuel. This is the calculation performed by Equation B-78 within the decision type segments by end-use, fuel type, building type, and Census division, and by B-80 consolidated across decision types. Equations B-86 through B-88 calculate the fuel shares by decision type, end-use, fuel type, and Census division consolidated across building type.

Average efficiencies of the equipment mixes within various segments are calculated using the inverse weighted efficiency approach exhibited by Equations B-79, B-82 through B-85, and nationally by end-use and fuel using Equation B-89. The particular form of the averaging is necessary because efficiencies possess units of delivered to consumed energy, whereas the equipment market shares used as weights are proportions of delivered energy. Only if the equipment market shares were expressed as proportions of consumed energy would the average efficiency of the equipment mix be obtained using a simple weighted sum of market shares and corresponding efficiencies.

Finally, fuel shares and average efficiencies are determined for the minor services, without consideration of individual equipment choices given to the major services. As described previously, the 1999 average efficiencies for the minor services are indexed to unity, and an exogenous forecast of minor service efficiency improvement for non-PC office equipment is employed. Sources for efficiency improvement in non-PC office equipment are referenced in Appendix A in the description for the *EffGrowthRate* parameter. Minor service average efficiency for the current year is calculated from the value for the previous year. The exogenously-specified efficiency growth rate is shown in Equation B-90. Projected changes in PC energy consumption are explicitly included in the PC forecast described in Appendix A under *Market Penetration*, so the *EffGrowthRate* is set to zero for the PC office equipment end-use service. Efficiency improvement for the “Other” end-use service is set to zero due to lack of information. However, the option remains available to facilitate analysis of programs aimed at improving efficiency in this area. Minor services are further assumed to possess identical average efficiencies for all decision types and buildings within a given Census division and year, and office equipment services are assumed to use only electricity, as illustrated by Equation B-91.

Technology Menu

Equipment availability, installed capital costs, removal and disposal cost proportions of installed capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, building restrictions, energy efficiencies, lifetimes and technology cost trend parameters are specified exogenously. Equipment availability pertains to the set of technologies currently in the marketplace during a particular forecast year; not all available technologies are economically feasible, and therefore may not be selected. The menu of potential technologies includes technologies that are currently under development to be introduced over the forecast period. Equipment supply is assumed to be unlimited for commercially available technologies, with unit costs either fixed or declining according to the appropriate cost trend function. The other equipment characteristics are assumed fixed for a given technology and vintage once it is commercially available.

These technology characterizations are important, since improper estimation can cause substantial aberrations in market behavior over the forecast period. As an example, assume that a new high efficiency piece of equipment becomes available in a specific forecast year. If the costs of the new piece of equipment are too low relative to other equipment for the service then too many new, replacement, and retrofit decisions will be directed to this equipment,

in turn unrealistically reducing overall energy consumption and increasing the average equipment efficiency, although the behavior rule proportions dampen this effect. For the case of certain prototypical or "design-stage" technologies currently not available in the marketplace (or currently not in production), engineering specifications form the basis of the technology characterization. These costs may differ markedly from the actual technology costs when the equipment is introduced to the real-world marketplace over the forecast horizon.

The 1999 initial historical market shares are based on an analysis of CBECS 1999 data. The years of equipment availability are based on current market conditions and research as well as mandated federal efficiency standards. This window in which each technology vintage is available constrains the technology choice menu for all decision types. For example, a natural gas-fired water heater currently available may no longer be available in 2004 due to federally mandated minimum equipment efficiency standards.

An option to allow endogenous price-induced technology change has been included in the determination of equipment costs and availability for the menu of equipment. This concept allows future technology improvements faster diffusion into the marketplace if fuel prices increase markedly for a sustained period of time. The option is activated through the setting of a Commercial Module user parameter named IFMAX which governs the maximum number of years the availability of a technology vintage can potentially be shifted forward. The formulation only works in one direction, i.e., equipment can only be shifted toward earlier availability, and once shifted, a vintage will not be shifted back to its original availability date. In addition, shifts are limited to a lesser number of years for nearer term technology vintages (e.g., those projected for 2007) to ensure that future improvements can not become available before the persistent price change is projected to occur. Equations B-128 through B-130 illustrate the calculations needed to move an availability date forward through price-induced technology change. Although no price-induced change would have been expected using *AEO2005* reference case fuel prices, the parameter was set to 0 years for the *AEO2005* model runs, effectively assuming there would be no endogenous change.

End-Use Consumption Submodule

The End-Use Consumption Submodule models the consumption of fuels to satisfy the demands for end-use services computed in the Service Demand Submodule. Additionally, the End-Use Consumption Module forecasts the consumption of fuels to provide district services in the commercial sector, accounts for the net effects of distributed generation and CHP on fuel consumption, and accounts for the use of solar thermal energy to provide space heating and water heating.

The primary inputs to the End-Use Consumption Module are the service demands calculated by the Service Demand Submodule, and the fuel shares and average efficiencies forecast by the Technology Choice Submodule. Together,

these quantities allow a basic calculation to be made for consumption of the major fuels that has the same form for both the major and minor services. This calculation, given by Equation B-92, makes use of the definition of average efficiency to obtain the forecast of consumption by fuel, end-use, building type, Census division and year, by simply dividing that portion of the end-use service satisfied by a given fuel by the average efficiency of equipment using that fuel. A value of zero for the average efficiency indicates that no equipment consuming the given fuel is used to satisfy the service, and in this case the corresponding consumption forecast is explicitly set to zero. Because the units carried for lighting service demand and efficacy differ from those of the other services, a special conversion factor must be applied to the lighting result, as shown by Equation B-93.

The basic estimate of fuel consumption described above is that projected to occur if all conditions other than the amount of floorspace, the building shell efficiency, and the equipment mix were identical to those found in the base year (1999), and consumers were only concerned with fuel prices in so far as they impacted the equipment purchase decisions. Since conditions other than those mentioned above vary with time, and consumers are also concerned with fuel prices when using the equipment they have purchased, the basic estimate is subject to modification by several considerations.

First, a price elasticity of service demand may alter the consumer's demand for a service as a result of a change in the fuel price. As an example, an increase in the price of distillate heating oil may cause the consumer to maintain the floorspace at a somewhat cooler temperature in the winter than would have been the case without a price increase. While this consideration should logically be made where service demands are calculated in the Service Demand Submodule, it is not possible at that point because the mix of equipment using each fuel is not calculated until the Technology Choice Submodule has completed its forecast. However, the calculation is easily made by the End-Use Consumption Module because of the direct proportionality between service demand and fuel consumption, as can be seen in Equation B-92; that is, a percentage change in service demand corresponds to the same percentage change in fuel consumption. The calculation of the short-run price elasticity of demand incorporates a graduated or "lagged" adjustment that allows the degree of consumer response to vary with significant changes in fuel prices. Equation B-94 illustrates the function used to calculate the short-run elasticity adjustment. The first term in Equation B-95 shows the application of the short-run price elasticity of demand to modify the basic consumption estimate obtained by Equation B-92.

Another consideration that affects the consumer's demand for services is known as the "rebound," or "takeback" effect. While fuel price increases can be expected to reduce demand for services, this can be partially offset by other factors that cause a decrease in the marginal cost of providing the service. Two such factors modeled by the End-Use Consumption Submodule are the responses to increased average equipment efficiency and improved building shell efficiency. The proportional change in the marginal cost of service provision due to movement in each of the aforementioned factors relative to their base year values is calculated, and combined with a modified price elasticity

of service demand parameter to yield the computed effect on fuel consumption, as shown by the second and third terms of Equation B-95. Because these modifications to the basic consumption estimate are each multiplicative, Equation B-95 is capable of accommodating independent changes in each of the underlying driver variables (fuel price, average equipment efficiency, and building shell efficiency) regardless of the directions of movement. While the rebound effect due to equipment efficiency improvement is considered for the end-use services of space heating, space cooling, water heating, ventilation, cooking, and lighting, the effect due to building shell improvement is considered only for space heating and space cooling. The equipment and building shell efficiency rebound elasticity parameters currently included in the Commercial Module are set to -0.15 for these services.²⁷

A final modification to the basic estimate of fuel consumption is made in the form of a weather correction, which accounts for known weather abnormalities during historical years of the forecast period, and differences between the base year (1999) weather and "average" or "normal" weather anticipated for future years. The basis for the weather correction is the number of population-weighted heating and cooling degree days by Census division for the years 1990 through 2003, together with the long term (30 year) average of each to represent normal weather. Because 1999 is the base year for the key Commercial Module parameters, the basic forecast for consumption in other years to provide space heating and space cooling is modified by considering the heating and cooling requirements in that year relative to those prevailing in 1999. This is accomplished for heating consumption using a multiplicative factor equal to the ratio of the appropriate degree days, as shown by Equation B-96. Values for 2004 have been extrapolated using data through August of that year. Years after 2004 are assumed to exhibit the long-term average number of population-weighted heating and cooling degree days by Census division. Starting with *AEO2005*, the long-term average is adjusted over the projection period to account for state population shifts. Equation B-97 illustrates the weather correction for space cooling requirements, including an exponential term to reflect the non-linear relationship between weather and cooling requirements.

Applying the price elasticity and rebound effect considerations, together with the weather correction, to the basic estimate of fuel consumption by end-use provides an enhanced forecast of demand for the major fuels of electricity, natural gas, and distillate by equipment directly satisfying the 10 basic end-use services. Consumption of the minor fuels of residual oil, liquid petroleum gas, steam coal, motor gasoline, and kerosene is calculated using a different approach, as is consumption for purposes not yet explicitly modeled. These include consumption to provide district services and "non-building" consumption (consumption in the commercial sector not attributable to end-uses within buildings, such as street lighting).

²⁷The current parameter values for the rebound effect are within the range of short-run empirical responses found for firms as presented in the literature review by Greening, Greene, and Difiglio in a special issue of the journal *Energy Policy*. See Greening, L.A., D.L. Greene, and C. Difiglio, Energy efficiency and consumption - the rebound effect - a survey, *Energy Policy*, Vol. 28, Nos. 6-7 (June 2000), pp. 389-401.

Consumption of the minor fuels is forecast using a moving average of previous fuel use, floorspace growth, and price elasticity estimates derived from historical minor fuel consumption and pricing data. An average of the previous six years of consumption is first calculated as illustrated in Equation B-111. The resulting consumption estimate is modified using a price elasticity of demand as shown in Equation B-112 to account for any change in the minor fuel price. The minor fuel price elasticity estimates were developed from historical Census division-level minor fuel consumption and pricing data, obtained from the State Energy Data System, which spans the 23-year period from 1970 to 1992. Finally, the estimate is adjusted by floorspace growth as given in Equation B-113 to produce the forecast of minor fuel consumption.

The End-Use Consumption Submodule also accounts for nonutility generation of electricity by the commercial sector using distributed generation and CHP technologies, together with the quantities of fuels consumed to accomplish electricity generation and CHP as described in the Distributed Generation and CHP section. End-use consumption of purchased electricity is reduced as given by Equations B-98 through B-100 to reflect the use of self-generated electricity. Equation B-101 illustrates reduction in space and water heating consumption through use of heat generated by CHP technologies. Equation B-102 accounts for fuel consumption by distributed generation and CHP technologies.

The final component of the forecast assembled by the End-Use Consumption Submodule is an estimation of the quantities of fuel consumed in order to provide the district services of space heating, space cooling, and water heating. District services involve the localized production of steam energy that is used to provide distributed end-use services over a wide area, such as a campus environment. Estimates of the steam energy EUI by Census division, building type, and end-use service for district services were prepared separately from those previously described for the standard end-use services. These are used in conjunction with typical efficiencies and fuel shares for the boilers providing district services, together with the floorspace forecast, to produce the forecast of fuel consumption for district services, as shown by Equation B-103. Price elasticity considerations and the weather correction are applied to district services fuel consumption in the same manner as they are applied to direct fuel use for end-use services as shown by Equation B-104.

The consumption forecast by Census division, fuel, end-use service, and building type is incremented by the district service consumption estimate just described, as shown by Equation B-106. Aggregation of this result across end-use services and building types yields the forecast of fuel consumption by fuel and year at the Census division level required by the other NEMS modules, as shown by Equation B-115. Another aggregation across fuels and Census divisions is performed to obtain the national-level forecast of total energy consumption by building type, to which is added the use of solar thermal energy for space heating and water heating and solar energy for electricity generation by photovoltaic systems, as shown by Equation B-116. Additional results are also aggregated in various ways to

satisfy reporting requirements, as illustrated by the End-Use Consumption equations not discussed. One final consumption component, representing nonbuilding consumption, is calculated in the Benchmarking Submodule, described in the next section.

Benchmarking Submodule

The Benchmarking Submodule reconciles the fuel consumption forecast produced by the End-Use Consumption Submodule with data from the State Energy Data System (SEDS). SEDS represents the collection of historical fuel consumption data chosen to serve as a standard for the NEMS system over the historical period of the forecast. Additionally, the Benchmarking Submodule provides an option for considering results from EIA's Annual Energy Review (AER) and Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO) for the near term immediately beyond the last year of SEDS data availability. Definitional differences between SEDS and the Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS), upon which the Commercial Sector Demand Module is based, are used to construct a forecast of commercial sector fuel consumption not attributable to end-uses within buildings.

Equation B-117 illustrates the calculation of the "SEDS mistie," or discrepancy between the End-Use Consumption Submodule results and SEDS data, during years for which SEDS data exist. Because SEDS data are estimates of all consumption by the commercial sector, whereas CBECS applies only to consumption within commercial buildings, the difference between the End-Use Consumption Submodule's CBECS-based fuel consumption forecast and the SEDS data is attributed to fuel consumption for nonbuilding uses, as shown by Equation B-118. This assignment is performed during each year of the forecast period for which SEDS data is available. The use of the SEDS data through the year indexed as MSEDYR+1 in these calculations reflects the fact that the AER provides reliable estimates of consumption data for an additional year beyond the latest published SEDS results, and these estimates are used in the same manner as published SEDS data.

After the final year of SEDS data availability, electricity and natural gas consumption for nonbuilding uses is forecast to grow at the same rate as commercial floorspace. This expectation follows from the observation that, while not representing fuel consumption within buildings, the nonbuilding uses are generally associated with commercial buildings or activities, as in the case of exterior lighting of parking lots. The forecast of SEDS-based consumption of electricity and natural gas for nonbuilding uses beyond the last year of SEDS data availability is shown by Equation B-120. Nonbuilding use of distillate and minor fuels is not expected to grow at the same rate as commercial floorspace, but instead to remain at a relatively constant level, as illustrated by Equation B-122.

An option is present in the Commercial Sector Demand Module to activate benchmarking to that portion of the STEO forecast immediately following the last year of historical data. This is accomplished through the setting of a

NEMS system-wide parameter named STEOBM and a Commercial Module user parameter named ComSTEOBM. Both parameters must be set to activate benchmarking to the STEO forecast. If selected, the benchmarking is incremental; that is, it is calculated based on the forecast produced after benchmarking to SEDS. For years covered by the short-term STEO forecast, the calculation of the discrepancy between the SEDS-benchmarked forecast and STEO is given by Equation B-119 for electricity and natural gas. Equation B-121 gives the corresponding calculation for distillate and minor fuels. An additional option limits STEO benchmarking adjustments to result in projected fuel use that is within 2 percent of the STEO forecast, as illustrated in Equation B-123. Equation B-124 shows the addition of the STEO-based incremental component of nonbuilding consumption to the component based on SEDS.

In the event the STEO benchmarking option is chosen, one of two options for avoiding a discontinuity in the benchmarked forecast beyond the last year of STEO data must also be selected. The simplest option is to retain the STEO component of nonbuilding use calculated for the last year of STEO data availability, and apply it to all future years of the forecast period. Alternatively, the STEO component of nonbuilding use can be ramped down to zero over a specified time period following the last year of STEO data. The choice of methods is specified through the Commercial Module user parameter named DecayBM. Calculation of a time-dependent decay factor based on the selection of the various options is illustrated by Equation B-125. Equation B-126 illustrates the optional addition of a STEO-based component of nonbuilding consumption to that based on SEDS, for forecast years after the final year of STEO data availability. For *AEO2005*, the option to benchmark through year 2004 to within 2 percent of the STEO forecast was chosen with the STEO component of nonbuilding use ramped down to zero by 2025 for all fuels except residual fuel oil. The STEO component of nonbuilding use of residual oil is retained for all future years of the forecast period.

Addition of the forecast of fuel consumption for nonbuilding uses to that produced by the End-Use Consumption Submodule for end-uses within buildings completes the forecast of commercial sector fuel consumption, as shown by Equation B-127.

Appendix A. Input Data and Variable Descriptions

Introduction

This Appendix describes the input data, parameter estimates, variables, and data calibrations that currently reside on EIA's computing platform for the execution of the NEMS Commercial Module. These data provide a detailed representation of commercial sector energy consumption and technology descriptions that support the module. Appendix A also discusses the primary module outputs.

Table A-1 references the input data, parameter estimates, variables, and module outputs documented in this report. For each item, Table A-1 lists an equation reference to Appendix B of this report, a subroutine reference, the item definition and dimensions, the item classification, and units. Note that all variables classified as "Calculated Variable" can also be considered to fall into the "Output" classification, as they are located in common blocks accessible to other NEMS modules and external programs. The references for items pertaining to the Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Submodule are found at the end of Table A-1. Following Table A-1 are profiles of the data items. Each profile describes the data sources, analytical methodologies, and parameter estimates corresponding to the table.

The remainder of Appendix A contains supporting discussion including data selection and calibration procedures, required transformations, levels of disaggregation, and model input files.

Table A- 1. NEMS Commercial Module Inputs and Outputs

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
ACE	B-66	Technology Choice	Annualized life cycle cost of retaining existing equipment relative to retrofitting, per unit of delivered service, by technology class, technology vintage, and consumer time preference premium. Calculated for each Census division and building type during each iteration of each forecast year. Incorporates building capacity utilization factor, yearly operating and maintenance cost, annualized fuel costs, interest rate forecast, and consumer time preference premiums. Treats unit installed capital cost of existing equipment as sunk cost, but considers cost of existing equipment removal and disposal. For heating and cooling equipment, considers the effects of building shell improvements on fuel costs.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / (thousand Btu out per hour) / year Lighting: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand lumens / year Ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand CFM
AE	B-79	Technology Choice	Average equipment efficiency by major fuel, decision type, service, building, and Census division.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu delivered / Btu consumed (=Btu out / Btu in) Lighting: lumens / watt Ventilation: thousand CFM-hrs air delivered / thousand Btu consumed
AnnualCostTech	B-54	Technology Choice	Annualized life cycle cost of a technology per unit of delivered service, by technology class, technology vintage, and consumer time preference premium. Calculated for each Census division and building type during each iteration of each forecast year. Incorporates building capacity utilization factor, annualized unit installed capital cost, yearly operating and maintenance cost, annualized fuel costs, interest rate forecast, and consumer time preference premiums. For heating and cooling equipment, considers the effects of building shell improvements on fuel costs.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / (thousand Btu out per hour) / year Lighting: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand lumens / year Ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand CFM

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
AverageEfficiency	B-82	Technology Choice	Effective average efficiency of the equipment mix by major fuel, end-use service, building type, and Census division for the current year, as calculated in the Technology Choice subroutine.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu delivered / Btu consumed (=Btu out / Btu in) Lighting: lumens / watt Ventilation: thousand CFM hours air delivered / thousand Btu consumed
AverageEfficiencyBASE	B-17	Service Demand	Effective average efficiency of the equipment mix by major fuel, end-use service, building type, and Census division during the CBECS base year, as calculated from the input equipment efficiencies and market shares.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu out / Btu in Lighting: lumens / watt Ventilation: thousand CFM hours air delivered / thousand Btu consumed
BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI	B-12	Service Demand	Proportion of the base year office equipment EUI present in file KINTENS that is attributable to office Personal Computers (PCS). If the parameter is assigned a value less than zero, then the EUIs in KINTENS for PCS and Non-PCS are used as specified, otherwise the value given in the PCS slot is interpreted to represent total office equipment EUI, and split accordingly.	Input parameter KPARAM	Unitless
BehaviorShare	B-64	Technology Choice	Share of commercial consumers following each of the three behavior rules [least cost (LC), same fuel (SF), and same technology (ST)], for new, replacement, and retrofit decision types, by building type, major service, behavior rule, and decision type.	Input from file KBEHAV	Unitless
CapacityFactor	B-54	Technology Choice	Equipment capacity utilization factor representing the proportion of time a given service is demanded in a given building type and Census division, averaged over one year.	Input from file KCAPFAC	Unitless
CBECSFlrSpc	B-2	Floorspace	Commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, and vintage cohort (see CMVintage), as surveyed by CBECS in the year CBECSyear.	Input from file KFLSPC	Million square feet (MMsqft)

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
CBECsYear	B-2	COMM	Survey year of CBECS data used as base year data for the Commercial Module. Current value is 1999.	Parameter	Calendar year
CDRatio	B-7	Floorspace	Ratio of MAM floorspace growth rate and first estimate of Commercial Module floorspace growth rate by Census division	Calculated variable	Unitless
CMAvgAge	B-1	Floorspace	Median building lifetime by building type b.	Input from file KBLDG	years
CMFinalEndUse	B-115	Consumption	Consumption of fuels across end-uses, including CHP and district services, by fuel type (major, minor, and renewable), Census division, and year.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu
CMFirstYr	B-42	COMM	Index of first year of forecast. Set to the first year after CBECSYear, the year of the CBECS survey from which the base year data is derived.	Assigned in source code	Unitless index
CMGamma	B-1	Floorspace	Shape parameter of the floorspace survival function, by building type. Describes clustering of building retirements near median lifetime.	Input parameter KBLDG	Unitless
CMNewFloorSpace	B-2	Floorspace	New commercial floorspace construction by Census division, building type, and year. Includes backcast estimates of new floorspace during original year of construction for years prior to CBECSYear.	Calculated variable	Million sq ft
CMNonBldgUse	B-118	Benchmarking	Nonbuilding fuel consumption by Census division, fuel, and year.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu
CMnumBldg	B-39	Service Demand	Number of Commercial Module building types. Current value is 11.	Parameter	Unitless
CMnumMajFI	B-20	Service Demand	Number of Commercial Module major fuels. Current value is 3.	Parameter	Unitless
CMnumVarSDI	B-34	Service Demand	Number of end-use services for which intensity differences between existing and new floorspace have been characterized.	Parameter	Unitless
CMOldestBldgVint	B-3	Floorspace	The median year of construction for buildings in the earliest CBECS age cohort group. Current value is 1825.	Parameter	Calendar year

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
CMSEDS	B-117	Benchmarking	State Energy Data System (SEDS) historical consumption by Census division, fuel, and year for the commercial sector, for the years 1990 through 1989+MSEDYR (currently 1990-2001). Similar data from the Annual Energy Review (AER) and STEO forecast is present for the years 1989+MSEDYR+1 through 1989+KSTEOYR (currently 2002 through 2004).	Module input from Global Data Structure and file KSTEO	Trillion Btu
CMSurvRate	B-1	Floorspace	Logistic building survival function, giving the proportion of original construction still surviving as a function of the age, and the parameters CMAvgAge and CMGamma .	Calculated variable	Unitless
CMTotalFlspc	B-4	Floorspace	Total commercial floorspace in million square feet by Census division, building type, and year. Building type CMnumBldg+1 corresponds to sum across building types.	Calculated	Million square feet
CMUSAvgEff	B-89	Technology Choice	National average equipment efficiency by end use service, fuel, and forecast year.	Calculated Variable	Btu delivered / Btu consumed
CMUSConsump	B-109	Consumption	U.S. total fuel consumption by end-use, fuel type, and year.	Calculated variable	Quadrillion Btu
CMVintage	B-2	Floorspace	The median original year of construction for buildings by Census division, building type, and vintage cohort group.	Input from file KVINT	Calendar year
ComEUI	B-11	Service Demand	Base year Energy Use Intensity (EUI) by fuel type, end-use service, building type, and Census division. Base year = CBECYear =1999.	Input from file KINTENS	Thousand Btu consumed / sq ft / year
ComSTEOBM	B-124	Benchmarking	Flag indicating whether optional benchmarking to STEO is to be performed. A value of one indicates yes; zero indicates no. Must be used in conjunction with NEMS system parameter STEOBM.	Input from file KPARAM	Unitless
CostTrendSwitch	B-49	Technology Choice	Flag indicating whether optional cost trend function is to be used in calculating annualized life cycle costs. A value of one indicates yes; zero indicates no.	Input from file KPARAM	Unitless
DatCtrShare	B-31	Service Demand	Share of large office floorspace representing data centers.	Calculated variable	Unitless
Dcf	B-32	Service Demand	Service demand intensity ratio of data centers to large office buildings by end-use service.	Parameter defined in source code	Unitless

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
DecAvgEff	B-83	Technology Choice	Effective average efficiency of the equipment mix selected to satisfy service demands, by decision segment, Census division, major end-use service, major fuel, and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu out / Btu in Lighting: lumens / watt Ventilation: thousand CFM-hours air delivered / thousand Btu consumed
DecayBM	B-125	Benchmarking	Flag to indicate whether optional benchmarking to STEO is to include taper of final mistie to zero. Value of one indicates yes; zero indicates no.	Input from file KPARAM	Unitless
DecFuelShare	B-86	Technology Choice	Fuel share of service, by decision type, Census division, major end-use service, major fuel type, and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
DegreeDays	B-96	Consumption	DegreeDays (1,r,y) is the number of heating degree days and DegreeDays (2,r,y) is the number of cooling degree days in Census division r during year y. Historical Data is available from 1990 through 2003. Data for 2004 is extrapolated using historical data through August. Data input for subsequent years is based on a 30-year average for heating and cooling degree days, adjusted for projected state population shifts. The data is used to perform a weather adjustment to the consumption forecast in the Consumption subroutine, and to determine the relative amounts of heating and cooling supplied by heat pumps (Equation B-74).	Input from KDEGDAY	Degrees Fahrenheit × day
DistServBoilerEff	B-103	Service Demand	Efficiency of conversion of fuel to steam energy by boilers used to provide district services, by fuel type.	Input from file KDSEFF	Btu out / Btu in
DistServConsump	B-103	Consumption	Consumption of fuels to provide district services, by Census division, building type, fuel, year, and district service.	Calculated	Trillion Btu in
DistServFuelShr	B-103	Service Demand	Proportions of district service steam energy generated by each fuel type. Dimensions: building type and fuel.	Input from file KDSFS	Unitless

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
DistServSteamEUI	B-103	Service Demand	Steam energy per square foot generated to provide district services by Census division, building type, and district service for the three services: Space Heating, Space Cooling, and Water Heating.	Input from file KDSSTM	Thousand Btu out / sq ft / year
DRIttoCBECS	B-4	Floorspace	Matrix of coefficients specifying the proportion of floorspace for each of the Dodge/DRI building types that is included in each of the CBECS building type floorspace totals.	Defined in source code	Unitless
EF1	B-94	Consumption	Weight given to ratio of current fuel price relative to CBECS year fuel price in calculating short-term price elasticity.	Defined in source code	Unitless
EF2	B-94	Consumption	Weight given to ratio of previous year fuel price relative to CBECS year fuel price in calculating short-term price elasticity.	Defined in source code	Unitless
EF3	B-94	Consumption	Weight given to ratio of fuel price from two years previous relative to CBECS year fuel price in calculating short-term price elasticity.	Defined in source code	Unitless
EffectHurdle	B-53	Technology Choice	Effective hurdle (implicit discount) rate after considering effects of fuel price changes for the current Census division, major service, fuel, time preference level, and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
EffGrowthRate	B-90	Technology Choice	Average annual growth rate of minor service efficiencies.	Module input from KDELEFF	Unitless
EndUseConsump	B-92	Consumption	Forecasted consumption of fuel by end-use service, major fuel, building type, Census division, and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu
ExistImprov	B-23	Service Demand	Heating building shell efficiency improvement for existing buildings achieved by the year 2025 as a proportion relative to the CBECS base year (currently, 1999).	Input from file KSHEFF	Unitless
ExistShBaseStock	B-23	Service Demand	Base year to current year improvement in heating building shell efficiency for buildings surviving from the base-year floorstock.	Calculated variable	Unitless
FinalEndUseCon	B-107	Consumption	Final end-use consumption of major and minor fuels, by Census division, building type, fuel, and forecast year, summed across services, including district services and CHP.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu

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FirstNonBenchYr	B-125	Benchmarking	Final year of time span over which to taper down the final STEOMistie optionally used in benchmarking (currently 2025). If STEO benchmarking option is selected, and the STEO taper option is selected, then the forecast adjustment for FirstNonBenchYr and future years due to mismatch with STEO during earlier years becomes zero.	Input from file KPARAM (into temporary intermediate variable named LastDecayYr)	Calendar year
FS	B-78	Technology Choice	Fuel share of service by Census division, building type, end-use service, decision type, and major fuel.	Calculated variable	Unitless
FuelbyTech	B-17	Service Demand	A logical variable ("flag") indicating whether a given technology uses a given fuel, by technology class and fuel type.	Parameter	Unitless
FuelShareofService	B-80	Technology Choice	Forecasted fuel share of service demand, by Census division, building type, end-use service, and major fuel. Represents value for the previous year, until updated for the current year by the Technology Choice Submodule.	Calculated variable	Unitless
Gamma	B-49	Technology Choice	Shape parameter corresponding to the rate of price decline in the cost trend function	Input from KTECH	Unitless
HeatPumpCoolingSD	B-75	Technology Choice	Amount of cooling service demand satisfied by heat pumps by decision type (new replacement, and retrofit).	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu out
Hurdle	B-52	Technology Choice	Hurdle (implicit discount) rate. The sum of the ten-year treasury bond rate and the time preference premium for the current major service, time preference level, and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
HurdleElas	B-53	Technology Choice	Hurdle (implicit discount) rate elasticity parameter by Census division, service and fuel.	Input from file KHURELA	Unitless
IFMAX	B-130	Technology Choice	Maximum number of years a technology's availability can be advanced due to increased fuel prices under Price-Induced Technological Change.	Input from KPARAM	Number of years

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KElast	B-94	Consumption	Graduated short-term price elasticity function. Elasticity for a given major fuel, end-use service, and Census division in a given year is calculated as a weighted function of the price of the given fuel in the current year and the previous two years relative to the fuel price in CB ECS year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
KEqCost	B-49	Technology Choice	Logistic cost trend function, giving the unit installed capital cost of equipment by technology and vintage for the current year. Cost is calculated as a function of the initial unit installed capital cost, the current year, year of curve point of inflection, year of introduction, total anticipated percentage cost decline, and rate of cost decline.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / (thousand Btu out per hour) / year Lighting: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand lumens / year Ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand CFM
Kscale	B-18	Service Demand	The scale factor, by fuel type, that is applied to KTECH market shares of service demand of equipment using a given fuel to satisfy demand for the current service in the current building type and Census division in the base year. It is calculated in such a way that the fuel shares of consumption implicit in the EUIs from KINTENS are honored for each building type, and is necessary because the KTECH market shares are regional, and constant across building types, whereas the EUIs vary by building type.	Calculated variable	Unitless
KSTEOYR	B-119	Consumption	Index of last year of STEO data used for benchmarking. Currently 15, corresponding to 2004.	Parameter	Unitless
LCMSNR	B-59	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service within least cost behavior segment of new and replacement decision types, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
LCMSRet	B-70	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service within least cost behavior segment of retrofit decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless

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MarketPenetration	B-37	Service Demand	Market penetration index by minor service and year for the three services: Office Equipment; PC, Office Equipment; NonPC, and Other End-Uses. Represents factor to be applied to base year saturation level to obtain current year forecasted saturation level.	Input from file KOFFPEN	Unitless
MC_COMMFLSP	B-4	Floorspace	NEMS Macro Module forecast of total commercial floorspace, by Dodge/DRI building type, Census division, and forecast year.	Input from NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module	Billion square feet
MC_RMGBLUSREAL	B-52	Technology Choice	Yield on U.S. Government ten year bonds.	Input from NEMS Macroeconomic Activity Module	Percent
MinFuelBeta	B-112	Consumption	Elasticity parameter used in the calculation of minor fuel consumption.	Input from file KMINFL	Unitless
MS	B-64	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand by building type, major end-use service, decision type, technology class, and technology vintage (model). MS is calculated separately for each Census division and forecast year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
MSEDYR	B-117	Benchmarking	Index of the final year of available SEDS data. Currently 12, corresponding to 2001.	NEMS system parameter	Unitless index
NewImprv	B-28	Service Demand	Heating building shell efficiency improvement for new buildings achieved by the year 2025 as a proportion relative to the CBECs base year (currently, 1999).	Input from file KSHEFF	Unitless
NewServDmd	B-27	Service Demand	Service demand in new commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year. Same as NSD.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
NewShAdj	B-28	Service Demand	Base year to current year improvement in heating building shell efficiency for new construction.	Calculated variable	Unitless
Normalizer	B-76	Technology Choice	Market share adjustment factor for space cooling equipment other than heat pumps.	Calculated variable	Unitless

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NSD	B-74	Technology Choice	Service demand in new commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year. Same as NewServDmd.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
Pr	B-53	Technology Choice, Consumption	Commercial sector fuel prices, by fuel (major and minor), Census division, and forecast year. Electricity prices are also by end-use service.	Input from appropriate NEMS supply sector modules.	Constant 1987 dollars per million Btu (converted to 2004 dollars per million Btu for technology choice calculations)
PrevYrAverageEfficiency	B-90	Technology Choice	Effective average efficiency of the equipment mix by fuel, end-use service, building type, and Census division for the previous year.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu out / Btu in Lighting: Lumens / watt Ventilation: CFM-hours air out / Btu in
PrevYrFuelShareofService	B-60	Technology Choice	Forecasted fuel share of service demand for the previous year, by Census division, building type, end-use service, and major fuel.	Calculated variable	Unitless
PrevYrTechShareofService	B-41	Technology Choice	Proportion of a given service demand that was satisfied by equipment of a particular technology and vintage within a given Census division and building type during the previous year.	Calculated variable	Unitless
Price	B-128	Technology Choice	Commercial sector national fuel prices, by fuel (major), and forecast year. Used in average price calculation for price-induced technological change.	Input from appropriate NEMS supply sector modules.	Constant 1987 dollars per million Btu
PriceDelta	B-128	Technology Choice	Comparison of three year average fuel price to baseyear fuel price, by fuel (major), and forecast year. Used to determine price-induced technological change.	Calculated variable	Unitless
ReplacementFuelShareofService	B-47	Technology Choice	Fuel shares of that portion of service demand requiring replacement due to equipment failure, by fuel.	Calculated	Unitless
ReplacementShareofService	B-46	Technology Choice	Failed equipment shares of that portion of service demand requiring replacement due to equipment failure, by technology class and vintage (model).	Calculated	Unitless

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RetireServDmd	B-41	Service Demand	Service demand in surviving floorspace that becomes unsatisfied in the current forecast year due to equipment failure, by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year. Same as RSD.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
RetroCostFract	B-66	Technology Choice	Cost of removing and disposing equipment of a given technology and vintage for purposes of retrofitting with other equipment. It is expressed as a proportion to be applied to the installed capital cost to determine the removal component of the retrofitting cost per unit of service demand.	Input from KTECH	Unitless
RSD	B-74	Technology Choice	Service demand in surviving floorspace that becomes unsatisfied in the current forecast year due to equipment failure, by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year. Same as RetireServDmd.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
SD	B-74	Technology Choice	Service demand by decision type for end use services of space heating and space cooling, calculated for a particular Census division, building type, and year.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu out
SEDSMistie	B-117	Benchmarking	Difference between historical data on fuel consumption derived from State Energy Data System (SEDS), and the CBECS-based Commercial Module forecast, by fuel (major and minor) and Census division.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu in
ServDmdExBldg	B-22	Service Demand	Service demand in existing commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year. Includes surviving service demand as well as replacement service demand (see SSD and RSD).	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours

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ServDmdIntenBASE	B-20	Service Demand	Amount of demand for a service per square foot of floorspace, by Census division, building type, and end-use service, calculated for the base year (CBECSyear, currently 1999) based on the base year Energy Use Intensities, equipment market shares, and other considerations. Identical to the base year EUIs in the case of minor services, because minor service equipment efficiencies are indexed to 1 for the base year.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Thousand Btu out/sq ft. Lighting: Thousand lumen years out/sq ft. Ventilation: Thousand CFM-hrs out/sq ft
ServDmdSurv	B-42	Service Demand	Service demand in existing (<i>i.e.</i> , not newly-constructed during the given year) commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year, that continues to be satisfied by non-failed equipment. Same as SSD.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
ServicedFlrspcProp	B-34	Service Demand	Proportion of building floorspace that receives end-use service, by building type, service, and whether the buildings are newly-constructed (post-1989) or existing (pre-1990).	Input from KVARSDI	Unitless
SFMSN	B-60	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same fuel behavior segment of the new purchase decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
SFMSR	B-61	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same fuel behavior segment of the replacement purchase decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
SFMSRet	B-71	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same fuel behavior segment of the retrofit decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
ShellEffFactor	B-50	Technology Choice	Heating or cooling building shell efficiency factor for the current Census division, building type, and year. ShellEffFactor(1) is the average shell efficiency factor of the total surviving floorspace relative to that of the base year (CBECSyear, currently 1999). ShellEffFactor(2) is the shell efficiency factor of new construction relative to the existing stock in the base year.	Calculated variable	Unitless

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ShellEffIndex	B-23	Service Demand	Heating building shell efficiency index by Census division and building type. For building type b and Census division r, ShellEffIndex(b,r,1) is the current year average heating shell efficiency index of the total surviving floorspace relative to that of the base year (CBECsyear, currently 1999). ShellEffIndex(b,r,2) is the heating shell efficiency index of new construction relative to the existing stock in the base year.	New Construction: Input from file KSHEFF Existing Buildings: Calculated variable	Unitless
Shiftyears	B-129	Technology Choice	Shiftyears(t,v) is the number of years to shift forward the availability of vintage v of technology class t due to Price-Induced Technologica Change as long as Shiftyears(t,v) is 1) less than or equal to the maximum allowable shift in availability and 2) greater than the previous year's shift.	Calculated variable	Number of years
SolarRenewableContrib	B-39	Service Demand	The amount of service demand satisfied by solar energy, by Census division, solar service, and forecast year.	Input from file KRENEW	Non-lighting: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out
SSD	B-74	Service Demand	Service demand in existing (<i>i.e.</i> , not newly-constructed during the given year) commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year, that continues to be satisfied by non-failed equipment. Represents service demand subject to the retrofit decision. Same as ServDmdSurv.	Calculated variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
STEOBM	B-124	Benchmarking	Flag indicating whether optional benchmarking to STEO is to be performed. A value of one indicates yes; zero indicates no. Must be used in conjunction with commercial parameter ComSTEOBM, input from file KPARM.	NEMS system parameter	Unitless
STEOmistie	B-119	Benchmarking	Difference between short-term forecast of fuel consumption given by the Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO), and the CBECs-based Commercial Module forecast after benchmarking to SEDS using SEDSMistie, by fuel (major and minor) and Census division.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu in

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STEOtieDecayFactor	B-125	Benchmarking	Factor optionally applied to final STEO mistie during subsequent years if optional STEO benchmarking and tapering (see DecayBM) have been selected.	Calculated variable	Unitless
STMSN	B-62	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same technology behavior segment of the new purchase decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
STMSR	B-63	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same technology behavior segment of the replacement purchase decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
STMSRet	B-72	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of service demand within the same technology behavior segment of the retrofit decision type, by technology class and model number (t,v).	Calculated variable	Unitless
STRetBehav	B-72	Technology Choice	Flag indicating whether optional retrofitting of equipment is allowed within the same technology behavior segment of the retrofit decision rule. A value of one indicates yes; zero indicates no.	Input from file KPARAM	Unitless
SurvFloorTotal	B-3	Floorspace	Total surviving commercial floorspace by Census division, building type, and year.	Calculated variable	Million sq ft
SurvivingFuelShareofService	B-45	Technology Choice	Fuel shares of surviving service demand after adjustment for equipment failure by Census division, building type, major service, and major fuel.	Calculated	Unitless
SurvivingShareofService	B-44	Technology Choice	Equipment market shares of surviving service demand after adjustment for equipment failure, by Census division, building type, major service, equipment class, and equipment vintage (model).	Calculated	Unitless
TechAvailability	B-14	Technology Choice	Year boundaries of availability of equipment for purchase. For technology class t and vintage (model) v, TechAvailability(t,v,1) is the calendar year during which the equipment first becomes available for purchase in the model. TechAvailability(t,v,2) is the last year of equipment availability for purchase. By technology class and vintage (model).	Input from KTECH	Calendar year

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TechbyService	B-41	Technology Choice	Logical "flag" variable constructed for use in determining which technology classes are defined for a given end-use service, by technology class and end-use service.	Calculated variable (based on KTECH input)	Unitless
TechCost	B-48	Technology Choice	Initial Equipment cost components by technology class and vintage. For technology class t and vintage v, TechCost (t,v,1) is the unit installed capital cost of the equipment. TechCost (t,v,2) is the annual operating and maintenance cost per unit service demand, not including fuel costs.	Input from KTECH	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / (thousand Btu out per hour) / year Lighting: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand lumens / year Ventilation: Constant 2004 dollars / thousand CFM
TechEff	B-17	Technology Choice	Efficiencies of specific equipment, with allowance for Census division and equipment use for multiple services. Generalized quantity needed to determine fuel consumption when amount of delivered service is known; includes seasonal performance factors, coefficients of performance, and efficacies, as appropriate.	Input from KTECH	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Btu delivered / Btu consumed (=Btu out / Btu in) Lighting: lumens / watt Ventilation: thousand CFM-hrs air delivered / thousand Btu consumed
TechLife	B-41	Technology Choice	Median life expectancy of equipment, in years, by technology class and vintage (model).	Input from KTECH	Years; Unitless where used as exponent
TechShareofService	B-81	Technology Choice	Proportion of a given service demand that is satisfied by equipment of a particular technology and vintage within a given Census division and building type. For each forecast year, it represents the market shares for the previous year, until it is recalculated for the current year by the Technology Choice subroutine.	Calculated variable	Unitless
TechShareofServiceBASE	B-15	Service Demand	Proportion of a given service demand that was satisfied by equipment of a particular technology and vintage within a given Census division and building type during the base year (CBECYear, currently 1999). Calculated based on KTECH market shares, building restrictions, base year EUIs, and other considerations.	Calculated variable	Unitless

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TimePrefPrem	B-52	Technology Choice	Consumer time preference interest rate premium which is applicable to a proportion of the population given by TimePrefProp, by major service, time preference level, and forecast year.	Input from file KPREM	Unitless
TimePrefProp	B-59	Technology Choice	Proportion of consumers who fall into given categories of consumer time preference levels (implicit discount rates). The time preference premiums applicable to each level are given by TimePrefPrem.	Input from file KPREM	Unitless
TSD	B-80	Technology Choice	Total service demand, defined as the sum of service demand for existing floorspace that continues to be satisfied by non-failed equipment (SSD), service demand for existing floorspace that becomes unsatisfied because of equipment failure (RSD), and service demand from new floorspace (NSD); by Census division, building type, end-use service, and year.	Calculated Variable	Non-lighting, non-ventilation: Trillion Btu out Lighting: Billion lumen years out Ventilation: Trillion CFM hours
UnBenchCon	B-108	Consumption	Unbenchmarked fuel consumption by fuel type, Census division, building type, and year.	Calculated variable	Trillion Btu
Xprice	B-55	Technology Choice	Expected fuel prices for the commercial sector, by major fuel, Census division, and forecast year.	Input from the NEMS Integrating Module or calculated, at user's option.	Constant 1987 dollars per million Btu (converted to 2004 dollars per million Btu for technology choice calculations)
YearsForward	B-130	Technology Choice	Actual number of years a commercial sector technology's availability is brought forward based on Price-Induced Technological Change. Dimensioned by technology class, vintage and year.	Calculated Variable	Number of years
AccelFac	B-140	Distributed Generation	Indicator for allowed depreciation method. Straight line=100; 150% declining balance=150; double-declining balance=200. Dimensions: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Unitless
AdjCost	B-131	Distributed Generation	Adjusted capital cost of equipment per kw for emerging technologies subject to learning. Dimensions: technology.	Computed	2003 dollars/kw
alpha	B-160	Distributed Generation	Parameter controlling shape of the logistic penetration function. Dimension: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Unitless

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AnnualKWH	B-142	Distributed Generation	Represents annual system kWh generation for the specific technology and vintage being analyzed.	Computed	KWh
Avail	B-144	Distributed Generation	Percentage of time available (1 – forced outage rate – planned outage rate) applied to typical operating hours. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
AvgKwh	B-153	Distributed Generation	Average annual electricity usage in kWh from CBECs estimated for a building with floorspace 4 times greater than average. Dimension: building type.	Input in FORTRAN Data Statement	KWh per year
BaseYrFuelCost	B-150	Distributed Generation	Initial year fuel costs for operating the generation technology. Calculated from the fuel price and fuel input net savings from displaced water and space heating.	Computed	2003 Dollars
Basis	B-140	Distributed Generation	Portion of generating technology installed capital cost still to be depreciated.	Calculated Variable	Nominal Dollars
beta	B-131	Distributed Generation	Parameter controlling shape of the technology learning function. Dimension: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Unitless
BldShr	B-161	Distributed Generation	Percentage used to distribute exogenous penetrations across building types. Dimension: building type, technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
BTUWasteHeat	B-147	Distributed Generation	Computed waste heat available for water and space heating (valid only for fuel-consuming generating technologies, currently excludes photovoltaics)	Computed	MMBtu
C ₀	B-131	Distributed Generation	“First of a kind” capital cost for a distributed generation technology.	Input from KGENTK	2003 Dollars
CapCost	B-131	Distributed Generation	Capital cost of equipment per kw. Dimensions: technology and vintage. May be adjusted based on technology learning.	Input from file KGENTK	2003 dollars/kw
CumCashFlow	--	Distributed Generation	Accumulated sum of all prior NetCashFlow amounts.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
Degradation	B-145	Distributed Generation	Degradation of conversion efficiency of technology. Currently applies to photovoltaics at a loss of 1 percent of total output per year. That is after 20 years, a 5 kw system would produce only 80 percent (1-20*1%) of its rated output or 4 kw. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	

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DeltaPen	B-161	Distributed Generation	Computed penetration into the existing stock of floorspace.	Computed	Percentage
Depr	B-139	Distributed Generation	Computed depreciation amount based on straight-line or accelerated declining balance. Method depends on technology and AccelFac. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
DownPay	B-133	Distributed Generation	The down payment percentage times the total installed cost for the specific technology and vintage being analyzed	Computed	2003 Dollars
DownPayPct	B-133	Distributed Generation	Down payment percentage assumed to apply to loans for distributed generation investment	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
EIEff	B-142	Distributed Generation	Electrical conversion efficiency. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
EIShr	B-98	Consumption	Share of electricity consumption by end-use. Used to compute adjustment to account for self-generation. Dimension: end-use service.	Computed	Unitless
EqCost	B-132	Distributed Generation	Sum of installation cost per kw plus capital cost per kw multiplied by total system kw. May be adjusted based on learning effects.	Computed	2003 Dollars
eqlife	--	Distributed Generation	Useful life of equipment. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Years
equipname	--	Distributed Generation	Name for reporting purposes. Dimensions: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Character data
ExogPen	B-161	Distributed Generation	Program-driven cumulative units. Dimensions: Census division, technology, year.	Input from file KGENTK	Number of units
FuelCost	B-151	Distributed Generation	Fuel cost for the technology net of any water and space heating cost savings from using waste heat. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
FuelInput	B-146	Distributed Generation	MMBtu of fuel input by the technology.	Computed	MMBtu
FuelUsage	B-102	Distributed Generation	Accumulated total fuel consumption (if applicable) for all distributed generators. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Trillions of Btu
HWBtu	B-101	Distributed Generation	Accumulated total water heating Btus provided by distributed resources. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology	Computed	Trillions of Btu

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ifirstyr	--	Distributed Generation	First year a technology is available. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Year
ifueltype	--	Distributed Generation	Fuel type indicator for mapping technologies to fuels and fuel prices. Dimensions: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Integer pointer
ilastyr	--	Distributed Generation	Last year a technology is available. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Year
inflation	B-151	Distributed Generation	Inflation assumption for converting constant dollar fuel costs and fuel cost savings into current dollars for the cashflow model in order to make the flows correspond to the nominal dollar loan payments.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
InstCost	B-132	Distributed Generation	Installation cost per kw. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	2003 dollars/kw
IntAmt	B-136	Distributed Generation	Interest paid for the loan in each year of the analysis – determines the tax deduction that can be taken for interest paid. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
IntRate	B-134	Distributed Generation	Commercial mortgage rate.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
Invest	B-167	Distributed Generation	Current year investment in distributed resources. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Millions of 2003 Dollars
kw	B-132	Distributed Generation	System peak capacity. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	KW
KWH	B-145	Distributed Generation	kWh generated in each of the years of the cashflow analysis. Defined as annual kWh adjusted for degradation (i.e., if degradation factor is not equal to zero).	Computed	kWh
LoanBal	B-136	Distributed Generation	Principal balance of the loan for each year of the analysis – used to compute the current year's IntAmt. Dimension: year	Computed	Nominal Dollars
LossFac	B-142	Distributed Generation	Conversion losses (for systems that are rated "at the unit" rather than per available alternating current wattage) if appropriate. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
MaintCost	B-155	Distributed Generation	The maintenance cost from the input file (for the specific technology and vintage being analyzed), inflated to current year dollars for the cashflow analysis. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars

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MaintCostBase	B-155	Distributed Generation	Annual maintenance cost per kw. Dimensions: technology and year.	Input from file KGENTK	2003 dollars/kw
MaxPen	B-159	Distributed Generation	Computed maximum penetration into new construction.	Computed	Percentage
ModuleSqft	B-142	Distributed Generation	Estimated PV array square footage for a 1-kw system.	Computed	Square Feet
NetCashFlow	B-157	Distributed Generation	Net of costs and returns for the specific technology and vintage being analyzed in the cashflow analysis. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
netmeteradj	--	Distributed Generation	Currently disabled. A percentage scalar that applies to the retail rate of electricity for sales to the grid (i.e., reverse flows of energy into the grid). Currently replaced with a grid sales price provided by the NEMS Electric Market Module. Dimensions: technology and Census division.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
OperHours	B-144	Distributed Generation	Operation hours. Dimensions: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Hours
Outlay	B-135	Distributed Generation	Outlays for capital relating to down payments and borrowing costs.	Calculated	2003 Dollars
Payment	B-134	Distributed Generation	Computed annual payment using loan amortization formula	Calculated	2003 Dollars
PelCMout	B-152	Distributed Generation	Commercial sector electricity prices. Dimensions: Census division, forecast year, end-use service.	Input from NEMS Electricity Market Module	Converted to 2003 dollars per million Btu for cash flow calculations
PelME	B-153	Distributed Generation	Marginal price for utility purchases. Used for calculating the value of electricity sold to the grid. Dimensions: Census division, forecast year.	Input from NEMS Electricity Market Module	Converted to 2003 dollars per million Btu for cash flow calculations
Pen	B-160	Distributed Generation	Computed penetration into new construction.	Computed	Percentage
PenParm	B-159	Distributed Generation	Parameter controlling maximum penetration into new construction. Dimension: technology.	Input from file KGENTK	Unitless
Prin	B-136	Distributed Generation	The amount of principal paid on the loan in each year of the analysis – used to determine the loan balance for the next year of the analysis. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
SHBtu	B-101	Distributed Generation	Accumulated total space heating Btus provided by distributed resources. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Trillions of Btu
SimplePayback	B-158	Distributed Generation	The year number of the first year in the cashflow stream for which an investment has a positive cumulative net cashflow.	Computed	Year Index
SolarIns	B-142	Distributed Generation	Solar insolation for photovoltaics. Dimensions: Census division.	Input from file KGENTK	kWh per square foot per year
SpaceHeatingMMBtu	B-149	Distributed Generation	Waste heat available to serve space heating requirements. Nonzero only if total available Btu of waste heat is greater than water heating requirements.	Computed	MMBtu per year
TaxCredit	B-138	Distributed Generation	Allowed tax credit computed as the maximum of TxCreditMax and the TaxCreditPct times the total installed cost. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
TaxCreditPct	B-138	Distributed Generation	Percentage applied to installed cost for computing tax credit.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
TaxDeduct	B-156	Distributed Generation	Combined tax rate times interest paid in the previous year plus any applicable tax credit. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
Taxlife	B-139	Distributed Generation	Tax life of equipment, generally different from useful life. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Years
TaxRate	B-156	Distributed Generation	Marginal combined federal and state income tax rate, currently assumed to be 40% for the typical commercial business	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage
Term	B-134	Distributed Generation	Commercial loan term	Input from file KGENTK	Years
Trills	B-99	Distributed Generation	Accumulated total electric generation by all distributed generators. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Trillions of Btu
TrillsOwnUse	B-163	Distributed Generation	Accumulated total electric generation retained for own use on-site. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Trillions of Btu
TxCreditMax	B-138	Distributed Generation	Cap on the total dollar amount of a tax credit (if any). Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	2003 dollars
Units	B-161	Distributed Generation	Total number of units with distributed generation installed. Dimension: year, Census division, building type, technology.	Computed	Number of Units

Input/Output Name	Equation Number	Subroutine	Definition and Dimensions	Classification	Units
ValElecSave	B-154	Distributed Generation	Inflated base year value of energy savings in nominal dollars for the cashflow analysis. Dimension: year.	Computed	Nominal Dollars
ValElecSaveBase	B-152	Distributed Generation	Initial value of generated electricity savings to begin the cashflow model net benefits calculation.	Computed	2003 Dollars
WaterHeatingMMBtu	B-148	Distributed Generation	The lesser of: 1) average annual water heating EUI from CBECS (estimated for a building with 4 times greater than average floorspace), and 2) the available Btu of waste heat estimated from the distributed generation technology. Dimension: building type.	Computed	MMBtu per year
WhRecoveryEff	B-147	Distributed Generation	Waste heat recovery factor for technologies that burn fuel (i.e., not photovoltaics). This waste heat can then be made available for water and space heating which provides additional energy cost savings for distributed generation technologies. Dimensions: technology and vintage.	Input from file KGENTK	Percentage

<u>MODEL INPUT:</u>	Proportion of base year office equipment EUI attributable to PC use
<u>VARIABLE NAME:</u>	BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI
<u>MODEL COMPONENT:</u>	Service Demand
<u>DEFINITION:</u>	PCS proportion of base year office equipment EUI
<u>CLASSIFICATION:</u>	Input parameter (KPARAM)

DISCUSSION:

The 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS 95) provides data on energy consumption by building, and includes data on the number of PCS present in each building surveyed. However, the 1999 CBECS EUIs are not available at the level of detail required for AEO2005. CBECS 95 provides CBECS-derived estimates of the end-use intensities (EUIs) by building type, fuel type, and Census division for the end-use services modeled by the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module, by a combination of engineering simulation and Conditional Demand Analysis approaches. This results in estimates for the office equipment EUIs, but without a separate breakout into personal computers (PCS) and other office equipment.

A representative national estimate of the 1999 proportion of office equipment EUI attributable to PC use has been developed by EIA analysts, based on the CBECS data and studies referenced below. Because this estimate is based partly on expert judgement, it is placed in the Commercial Module parameter file, KPARAM, where it can be easily updated by other specialists. There is also a mechanism for automatically disabling its use should specific PC EUIs be developed and placed in the EUI input file, KINTENS.

CBECS analysts plan to develop specific PC EUI estimates as part of the 1999 CBECS EUI development process eliminating the need for the BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI parameter for future AEO development.

SOURCES:

J. G. Koomey, M. Cramer, M. Piette, and J. H. Eto. *Efficiency Improvements in U. S. Office Equipment: Expected Policy Impacts and Uncertainties*. Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, December, 1995, LBL-37383.

Original work by Eugene Burns and Kristine McSkimming of the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration.

Energy Information Administration. *A Look at Commercial Buildings in 1995: Characteristics, Energy Consumption, and Energy Expenditures*. Washington DC, October 1998, DOE/EIA-0625(95), GPO Stock No. 061-003-01046-6.

Energy Information Administration. 1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, February 1998, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

<u>MODEL INPUT:</u>	Consumer behavior rule proportions
<u>VARIABLE NAME:</u>	BehaviorShare
<u>MODEL COMPONENT:</u>	Technology Choice
<u>DEFINITION:</u>	Proportions of commercial consumers using the least cost, same fuel, and same technology behavior rules for decision type <i>d</i> in building type <i>b</i>
<u>CLASSIFICATION:</u>	Input from file KBEHAV

DISCUSSION:

These parameters are designed to facilitate model calibration to historical data, so precise specifications are not expected. Nevertheless, professional judgement is applied to estimate initial values for the proportions by decision type and building type which are consistent with the commercial sector. Building type is used here as a proxy to distinguish different types of commercial sector decision makers, and decision type represents the different economic situations under which technology choice decisions are made.

The judgement estimates are made separately for all government, privately owned and rented floorspace for the replacement and retrofit decision types. The proportions of floorspace by government, private and rented space from *A Look at Commercial Buildings 1995: Characteristics, Energy Consumption, and Energy Expenditures* are utilized to weight these estimates by building type to yield replacement and retrofit behavior rule proportions by building type. Similarly, judgement estimates are made for self-built and speculative developer floorspace for the new decision type. These consider estimates of the proportions of self-built and speculative developer floorspace for each by building type to yield new building behavior rule proportions by building type.

SOURCES:

Decision Analysis Corporation of Virginia and Science Applications International Corporation. *Alternative Methodologies for NEMS Building Sector Model Development*, draft report, prepared under Contract No. DE-AC01-92EI21946, August 3, 1992, p. 14.

Energy Information Administration. *A Look at Commercial Buildings in 1995: Characteristics, Energy Consumption, and Energy Expenditures*. Washington DC, October 1998, DOE/EIA-0625(95), GPO Stock No. 061-003-01046-6

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Koomey, Jonathan G. *Energy Efficiency Choices in New Office Buildings: An Investigation of Market Failures and Corrective Policies*, Ph. D. Dissertation, University of California at Berkeley, 1990.

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Office of Technology Assessment. *Building Energy Efficiency*. OTA-E-518, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington DC, May 1992.

Komor, P. And L. Wiggins. "Predicting Conservation Choice: Beyond the Cost-Minimization Assumption." *Energy*, Vol. 13, No. 8, 1988, pp. 633-645.

Komor, P. And R. Katzev. "Behavioral Determinants of Energy Use in Small Commercial Buildings: Implications for Energy Efficiency." *Energy Systems and Policy*, Vol. 12, 1988, pp. 233-242.

Vine, E. And J. Harris. "Implementing Energy Conservation Programs for New Residential and Commercial Buildings." *Energy Systems and Policy*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 1989, pp. 115-139.

Lamarre, L. "Lighting the Commercial World" *EPRI Journal*, December 1989, pp. 4-15.

Lamarre, L. "New Push for Energy Efficiency." *EPRI Journal*, April/May 1990, pp. 4-17.

MODEL INPUT: Equipment Capacity Factor
VARIABLE NAME: CapacityFactor
MODEL COMPONENT: Technology Choice
DEFINITION: Capacity factor of equipment to meet service *s* in Census division *r* in building type *b*
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KCAPFAC

DISCUSSION:

The capacity factor is the ratio of actual annual equipment output to output if equipment were run 100% of the time at full capacity. Space conditioning capacity factors are developed by Census division, service, and building type from the ratio of average daily load to peak load for space heating and space cooling at 44 selected cities in the EPRI source cited below. The averages for the cities in each Census division are weighted by population to compute the capacity factors used by the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module. Lighting capacity factors vary by building type and are based upon the ratio of average hours of operation to total hours from *Lighting in Commercial Buildings*. Capacity factors for the remaining services are derived by service and building type from the ratio of operating hours to total hours in the building load profiles in the EPRI source.

SOURCES:

Decision Focus, Inc. *TAG Technical Assessment Guide, Vol. 2: Electricity End Use; Part 2: Commercial Electricity Use -- 1988*. Palo Alto CA, Electric Power Research Institute, October 1988, pp. 4-5 to 4-29, 9-10 to 9-27.

Energy Information Administration. *Energy Consumption Series: Lighting in Commercial Buildings*. DOE/EIA-0555(92)/1. Washington DC, March 1992. p. 38.

MODEL INPUT: Base year commercial floorspace
VARIABLE NAME: CBECSFlrSpc
MODEL COMPONENT: Floorspace
DEFINITION: Commercial floorspace by building type *b* in Census division *r* for 1999
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KFLSPC

DISCUSSION:

A straightforward aggregation of weighted survey data from CBECS 99 was used to compute 1999 levels of commercial floorspace for each of the 11 building categories and nine age ranges (“vintage cohorts” - see CMVintage) in each Census division. The mapping used to transfer from the CBECS building classifications to the building type classification scheme used by the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module is shown in the table below:

NEMS Classification Plan for Building Types:

<u>NEMS</u>	<u>CBECS 99</u>
Assembly	Public Assembly Religious Worship
Education	Education
Food Sales	Food Sales
Food Services	Food Services
Health Care	Health Care - Inpatient
Lodging	Lodging Skilled Nursing Other Residential Care
Office - Large	Office (> 50,000 square feet) Health Care - Outpatient (> 50,000 square feet)
Office - Small	Office (≤50,000 square feet) Health Care - Outpatient (≤50,000 square feet)
Mercantile and Service	Mercantile and Service
Warehouse	Refrigerated Warehouse Non-refrigerated Warehouse
Other	Laboratory Public Order and Safety Vacant Other

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

Energy Information Administration. Description of CBECS Building Types. Web site http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/building_types.html.

MODEL INPUT: Expected building lifetimes
VARIABLE NAME: CMAvgAge
MODEL COMPONENT: Floorspace
DEFINITION: Median building lifetime by building type *b*
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KBLDG

DISCUSSION:

The sources cited below contributed to the development of estimates of average building lifetimes for the building types considered by the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module. Insufficient data addressing median expected commercial building usage lifetimes were available to enable disaggregation to the Census division level; consequently, a characterization at the national level was developed based on the sources cited below.

SOURCES:

Hazilla, M., and R. Kopp. "Systematic Effects of Capital Service Price Definition on Perceptions of Input Substitution." *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. April 1986, pp. 209-224.

Electric Power Research Institute. *Commercial End-Use Data Development Handbook: COMMEND Market Profiles and Parameters, Vol. 2: COMMEND Data and Parameter Development Techniques*. Regional Economic Research, Inc. San Diego, California. EM5703, April 1988, p. 2.24.

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

Energy Information Administration. 1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, February 1998, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

Energy Information Administration. 1992 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, July 1996, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Annual Starts – non residential building starts.

MODEL INPUT: Generation of electricity by commercial sector CHP facilities
VARIABLE NAME: CMCogenEI
MODEL COMPONENT: End-Use Consumption
DEFINITION: Commercial sector generation forecast by fuel f to meet service demand s in Census division r
CLASSIFICATION: Calculated variable after 2003; Input from file KCOGEN prior to 2004

DISCUSSION:

Historical data for commercial sector North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes from the EI-860B: Annual Electric Generator Report - Nonutility for the year 2000 and the EI-860: Annual Electric Generator Report for the years 2001 through 2003 forms the basis for the forecast of power generation by CHP plants by fuel and Census division. The EI-860 surveys generating facilities of 5 MW or more, and with 1 MW or more, at two different levels of detail (less detail is provided for producers smaller than 5 MW). The database covers only those facilities generating 1 MW or greater that sell power to utilities. Commercial buildings with smaller capacity and those that produce electricity for self-consumption are excluded, so this source is not exhaustive.

For forecast years after 2003, the baseline forecast of generation by source fuel is developed in the Distributed Generation and CHP Submodule as described in the text of this documentation report.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. Form EI-860B: Annual Electric Generator Report - Nonutility.
Energy Information Administration. Form EI-860: Annual Electric Generator Report.

<u>MODEL INPUT:</u>	Floorspace survival function shape parameter
<u>VARIABLE NAME:</u>	CMGamma
<u>MODEL COMPONENT:</u>	Floorspace
<u>DEFINITION:</u>	Shape parameter for the floorspace survival function
<u>CLASSIFICATION:</u>	Input parameter from file KBLDG

DISCUSSION:

CBECS provides data regarding the age distribution of the existing commercial building stock. The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module models floorspace retirement using the logistic survival function,

$$Surviving\ Proportion = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{current\ year - building\ vintage\ year}{median\ lifetime} \right)^{CMGamma}}$$

It can be seen that half the original floorspace constructed during a particular year is modeled as remaining after a period of time equal to the median building lifetime, regardless of the value used for the building survival parameter, CMGamma. As discussed in the text of the Commercial Model Documentation Report, CMGamma describes the variance of building retirement about the median lifetime, and is set for each NEMS building type based on analysis of the building age distributions of the previous three CBECS.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

Energy Information Administration. 1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, February 1998, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

Energy Information Administration. 1992 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, July 1996, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

MODEL INPUT: Oldest modeled buildings
VARIABLE NAME: CMOldestBldgVint
MODEL COMPONENT: Floorspace
DEFINITION: Median year of construction for buildings in the earliest CBECS age cohort group
CLASSIFICATION: Input parameter

DISCUSSION:

CBECS 99 building characteristics include the year of building construction. Nine age categories, referred to as “vintage cohorts” are used by CBECS and the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module to aggregate average building characteristics. These age cohorts are discussed in the section documenting CMVintage. The median year of construction for the oldest vintage cohort (pre-1900) was determined to be 1825 during processing of the CBECS data set, and is the value currently assigned to the input parameter, CMOldestBldgVint.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

MODEL INPUT: Historical fuel consumption
VARIABLE NAME: CMSEDS
MODEL COMPONENT: Consumption
DEFINITION: State Energy Data System (SEDS) historical energy consumption by Census division, fuel, and year for the commercial sector
CLASSIFICATION: Module input from Global Data Structure and file KSTEO

DISCUSSION:

The National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) uses the State Energy Data System (SEDS) historical consumption data as a standard against which the various sectoral module forecasts are benchmarked during the historical portion of the forecast horizon. The SEDS data is provided to the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module by the NEMS Integrating Module, and is more fully described in the Integrating Module Documentation Report. Currently, the latest year for which SEDS data is supplied is 2001. This data is supplemented with data from the *Annual Energy Review 2003* (AER) for the years 2002 - 2003 and projections from the Short Term Energy Outlook (STEO) for the commercial sector for the years 2004 - 2005. Data from the AER for 2002 through 2003 are treated by the Commercial Module as if it were SEDS data, which is very likely to become the actual case. STEO data for 2004 and 2005 are available for optional benchmarking during those years, at the user's discretion. For AEO2005, the NEMS Commercial Module benchmarks to STEO data through the year 2004.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. *State Energy Data Report 2001*. DOE/EIA-0214(2001). Washington DC, November 2004.

Energy Information Administration. *Annual Energy Review 2003*. DOE/EIA-0384(2003). Washington DC, September 2004.

MODEL INPUT: Floorspace vintages
VARIABLE NAME: CMVintage
MODEL COMPONENT: Floorspace
DEFINITION: Median year of construction of commercial floorspace existing in 1999, by building type, Census division, and vintage cohort group.
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KVINT

DISCUSSION:

The CBECS 1999 data set provides data on ages and numbers of buildings by building type and Census division. These data were processed to obtain estimates of the median year of construction for buildings constructed in each of the following vintage cohort groups:

- pre-1900
- 1900 - 1919
- 1920 - 1945
- 1946 - 1959
- 1960 - 1969
- 1970 - 1979
- 1980 - 1989
- 1990 - 1995
- 1996 - 1999

The results vary with building type and Census division, and are organized for input to the Commercial Module in the KVINT file.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

MODEL INPUT: Energy-use Intensity
VARIABLE NAME: ComEUI
MODEL COMPONENT: Service Demand
DEFINITION: Energy consumed per unit floorspace for service *s* in building type *b* in Census division *r* in year *y*, 1000 Btu consumed/ft².
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KINTENS

DISCUSSION:

Energy end-use intensity estimates for CBECS 1999 were not available at the level of detail needed for AEO2005. However, the CBECS 1995 Public Use Data provides CBECS-derived estimates of the end-use intensities (EUIs) by building type, fuel type, and Census division for the end-use services modeled by the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module, by a combination of engineering simulation and Conditional Demand Analysis approaches. These EUI estimates were subjected to a smoothing procedure and adjusted to CBECS 1999 building-level consumption estimates. The results were then adjusted to account for equipment replacement, new construction, changes in operating hours, and weather differences between 1995 and 1999. The final adjusted EUI estimates are input to the Commercial Module from the KINTENS input file.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

Energy Information Administration. 1995 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Data. Washington DC, February 1998, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbecs/.

Original work by Eugene Burns of the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration.

Preliminary 1999 building-level energy consumption data received August 2002 from the Office of Energy Markets and End Use of the Energy Information Administration.

MODEL INPUT: Heating and Cooling degree days
VARIABLE NAME: DegreeDays
MODEL COMPONENT: Consumption
DEFINITION: Heating and Cooling degree days by Census division *r* and year *y*
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KDEGDAY

DISCUSSION:

DegreeDays (1,*r*,*y*) is the number of heating degree days and DegreeDays (2,*r*,*y*) is the number of cooling degree days in Census division *r* during year *y*. Historical Data is available from 1990 through 2003. Data for 2004 is extrapolated using historical data through August. Data input for subsequent years is based on a 30-year average for heating and cooling degree days, adjusted for projected state population shifts. The data is used to perform a weather adjustment to the consumption forecast in the Consumption subroutine to account for historical and 'normal' differences from the base year (1999) weather, and to determine the relative amounts of heating and cooling supplied by heat pumps.

SOURCES:

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, *Historical Climatology Series 5-2*, September 1995.

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, population weighted heating and cooling degree days from web site: nic.fb4.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/cdus/.

MODEL INPUT: Cost Trend Function Parameters
VARIABLE NAMES: Delta, Gamma, y_0 , y_1
MODEL COMPONENT: Technology Choice
DEFINITION: Technology-specific cost trend parameters (see definitions below)
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KTECH

DISCUSSION:

The cost trend function requires specification of the ultimate price reduction as a proportion of initial cost (delta), a shape parameter governing the rate of cost decline (gamma), the initial year of price decline (y_1), and the year of inflection in the price trajectory (y_0). The cost trend function is currently only employed for lighting technologies. The assumed values are included in the Technology Characterization Menu of the NEMS Commercial Module. These input parameters are based on the Decision Analysis Corporation source cited below, modified to reflect historical trends found in the Office of Research and Standards source.

SOURCES:

Decision Analysis Corporation of Virginia, *Lighting System Technology Characterization for the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module*, prepared for Energy Information Administration, Contract No. DE-AC01-92EI21946, August 1996.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Research and Standards, *Technical Support Document: Energy Efficiency Standards for Consumer Products: Fluorescent Lamp Ballast Proposed Rule*, Washington DC, January 2000.

MODEL INPUT: Short-term price elasticity of service demand
VARIABLE NAME: ShortRunPriceElasofDmd
MODEL COMPONENT: Service Demand
DEFINITION: Short run price elasticity, (percent change in service demand as result of percent change in energy price) by service demand s, for the major fuels of electricity, natural gas, and distillate. This is a composite factor based on fuel proportions of service demand by Census division and service.
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KSDELA

DISCUSSION:

The following table summarizes a literature review encompassing price response analyses of major fuel demands. Composite price elasticity of service demand estimates based upon these sources are included. Input values for the fuel and end-use specific elasticity parameters included in the module are OIAF estimates developed from within the range of empirical values illustrated in this table.

MODEL INPUT: Commercial sector renewable energy consumption forecast
VARIABLE NAME: SolarRenewableContrib
MODEL COMPONENT: Service Demand
DEFINITION: Contribution of solar thermal energy consumed to meet commercial sector service demands by service s
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KRENEW

DISCUSSION:

Solar water heating technologies are included in the Technology Choice submodule, allowing endogenous computation of solar consumption based on the selection of these technologies. A baseline projection for solar thermal energy consumption for space heating, developed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), is read into the Commercial Module, since forecasts from the NEMS Renewable Fuels Module are not currently available at the level of disaggregation required by the Commercial Module. The renewable energy forecasts for active solar space heating are applied, interpolating to fill in the five-year forecast intervals provided in the white paper.

Commercial sector consumption of geothermal technologies is explicitly modeled by including geothermal heat pumps in the technology characterization menu, allowing geothermal technologies to compete in the marketplace. Consumption of the renewable fuels of wood and municipal solid waste (MSW) in the cogeneration of electricity is also modeled explicitly, using data from the EI-860: Annual Electric Generator Report data base.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration, EI-860: Annual Electric Generator Report data base.

The Potential of Renewable Energy: An Interlaboratory White Paper, a report prepared for the Office of Policy, Planning and Analysis, U.S. Department of Energy, Golden, Colorado, March 1990.

The assumed distribution of consumer time preference premiums is assumed constant over the forecast horizon. However, the Commercial Sector Demand Module allows variation in the distribution on an annual basis to accommodate simulation of policy scenarios targeting consumers' implicit discount rates.

SOURCES:

Koomey, Jonathan G., *Energy Efficiency Choices in New Office Buildings: An Investigation of Market Failures and Corrective Policies*, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of California at Berkeley, 1990, p. 16.

Decision Analysis Corporation of Virginia and Science Applications International Corporation, *Alternative Methodologies for NEMS Building Sector Model Development: Draft Report*, prepared for EIA under Contract No. DE-AC01-92EI21946, Task 92-009, Subtask 4, Vienna VA, August 3, 1992, p. 14.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States 1990* (110th ed.), Washington DC, 1990, p. 510.

txcreditpct (technology, vintage) – tax credit percentage that applies to a given technology’s total installed cost (if any)

txcreditmax (technology, vintage) – cap on the total dollar amount of a tax credit (if any)

kw (technology, vintage) – kw of typical system. Note capacity must remain constant across vintages for a given technology.

operhours (technology) – typical operating hours

lossfac (technology, vintage) – conversion losses (for systems that are rated “at the unit” rather than per available alternating current wattage) if appropriate

netmeteradj (Census division, technology) – for solar technologies a percentage scalar that applies to the retail rate of electricity for sales to the grid (i.e., reverse flows of energy into the grid), currently set to 1.0 to compensate sales at the retail price. Any data for other technologies should be ignored since a grid sales price is now provided by the NEMS Electric Market Module.

solarins (Census division) – solar insolation for photovoltaics (in kWh per square foot per year) provided by NREL

ifirstyr (technology, vintage) – first year that a technology is available

ilastyr (technology, vintage) – last year that a technology is available (Note: the input files are now structured with new vintages for each NEMS model year. Even so, the technology ranges are still operable and the use of “vintage” is maintained even though “year” would also be appropriate.)

ifuelttype (technology) – fuel type pointer for generation technologies other than photovoltaics, currently this is 2 for natural gas which is used by fuel cells

equipname (technology, vintage) – character string variable with equipment type name for report writer

SOURCES:

System Capacities and Operating Hours are Energy Information Administration assumptions.

Solar Insolation - NREL communication to US DOE EE.

Solar Photovoltaic Technology Specifications - Navigant Consulting, Inc., *The Changing Face of Renewable Energy, public study*, June 2003.

Natural Gas-Fired Technology Specifications - National Renewable Energy Laboratory, *Gas-Fired Distributed Energy Resource Technology Characterizations*, Reference Number NREL/TP-620-34783, November 2003.

Oil-Fired Engine Specifications - ONSITE SYCOM Energy Corporation, *The Market and Technical Potential for Combined Heat and Power in the Commercial/Institutional Sector*, prepared for U.S. Department of Energy - Energy Information Administration, January 2000.

PV accelerated depreciation - Internal Revenue Code, subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part VI, Section 168 (1994) - accelerated cost recovery. CITE: **26USC168**

MODEL INPUT: Distributed Generation Financial Inputs
VARIABLE NAMES: term, intrate, downpaypct, taxrate, inflation
MODEL COMPONENT: CDistGen
DEFINITION: Economic assumptions (loan rate and term, down payment percentage, tax rate, inflation rate for projecting nominal dollar values for the cashflow model).
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KGENTK

DISCUSSION:

term – loan term currently set at 15 years

intrate – commercial mortgage rate from the kgentk input file, currently set to 8.5%.

downpaypct – down payment percentage assumed to apply to the distributed generation investment, currently 25% of the installed cost

taxrate – marginal combined federal and state income tax rate, currently assumed to be 40% for the typical commercial business

inflation – inflation assumption for converting constant dollar fuel costs and fuel cost savings into current dollars for the cashflow model in order to make the flows correspond to the nominal dollar loan payments. The current assumption is 3% annually.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. Estimated values and assumptions.

MODEL INPUT: Distributed Generation Program-Driven Penetrations
VARIABLE NAMES: exogpen, bldgshr
MODEL COMPONENT: CDistGen
DEFINITION: Exogenous, program-driven cumulative installed units by Census division and technology. These are viewed as non-economic penetrations and supplemental to any economic penetrations determined by the model. Technology-specific allocation shares for the exogenous penetrations for the commercial model building types are also required.
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KGENTK

DISCUSSION:

SOURCES:

Exogenous penetrations: Database from DOE PV program, News releases – DOE and industry, UPVG website, and Million Solar Roofs website.

Building shares for exogenous penetrations by technology: EIA Form 860.

MODEL INPUT: Distributed Generation Building-Specific Energy Use Characteristics
VARIABLE NAMES: elecavgkwh, waterhtgmmmbtu, spacehtgmmmbtu
MODEL COMPONENT: CDistGen
DEFINITION: Average electricity usage, average annual water heating energy consumption, average annual space heating energy consumption.
CLASSIFICATION: Input from data statements in subroutine CDistGen

DISCUSSION:

elecavgkwh – average annual electricity usage in kWh (kwh per year)
waterhtgmmmbtu – average annual water heating EUI MMBtu/year
spacehtgmmmbtu –average space water heating EUI MMBtu/year

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. 1999 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey, Public Use Files. Washington DC, October 2002, web site www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cbeecs/1999publicuse/99microdat.html.

MODEL INPUT: Distributed Generation Penetration Function Parameters
VARIABLE NAMES: alpha, penparm
MODEL COMPONENT: CDistGen
DEFINITION: Technology-specific penetration function parameters.
CLASSIFICATION: Input from file KGENTK

DISCUSSION:

The values for the penetration function parameters are found in each technology's characterization data in file KGENTK.txt of the AEO 2005 archive package cited in Appendix D.

SOURCES:

Energy Information Administration. Assumptions.

Appendix B. Mathematical Description

This section provides the formulae and associated mathematical description which represent the detailed solution algorithms arranged by sequential submodule as executed in the NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module. The exception to this order is that items pertaining to the Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power Submodule are found at the end of Appendix B. Certain conventions, nomenclature, and symbols used in the equations are defined below.

In general, the following conventions for subscript usage are observed in this section. Additional subscripts are defined later in this appendix where necessary. Discrete values assumed by the subscripts, and categories of such values, are described in Table 2 of Chapter 2:

Subscript	Description of Dimension Represented by Subscript
r	Census division
b	NEMS Commercial Module building type
b'	NEMS MAM building type
s	End-use service
f	Fuel
d	Equipment decision type (values of 1 through 3 correspond, respectively, to the New, Replacement, and Retrofit decision types)
t	Technology class
v	Vintage or model of floorspace or equipment, depending upon usage
t'	Alternate technology class, for comparison with technology class t
v'	Alternate vintage or model of floorspace or equipment, depending on usage
p	Consumer time preference premium segment
y	Year designation (unless otherwise indicated, year ranges from 2000 through 2025, with the year 2000 indexed to the value 11 in the FORTRAN code. The equations below treat y as the calendar year.)
Y	Year designation internal to the 30-year cash flow analysis used in the choice of distributed generation equipment
x	Building stock designation (a value of 1 corresponds to existing buildings, a value of 2 corresponds to new construction)

In addition, the following standard mathematical symbols are used in the formulae, primarily to indicate over which values of the subscripts the formula is evaluated:

Symbol	Meaning
\forall	for all
\in	belonging to the category of
\ni	such that
\exists	there exists
\cdot	multiplication

Use is also made of several variables that represent ‘flags’, indicating conditions observed by the model during input of certain data. These flag variables and their definitions are:

$\text{FuelByTech}_{t,f} = 1$ if technology t uses fuel f , and is 0 otherwise.

$\text{TechbyService}_{s,t} = 1$ if technology t provides service s , and is 0 otherwise.

Most formulae are evaluated only for the current year of the forecasts. Subscripts appearing on the left side of the equal sign (=) without explicit restrictions indicate that the formula is evaluated for every combination of applicable values of those subscripts. The variables over which summations are performed are indicated, but often without restriction. In those cases, as with the subscripts, they assume all applicable values. Applicable values are generally all major and minor fuels for the fuel subscript, f ; all major services for the end-use subscript, s ; and all possible values for the remaining subscripts. In any event, fuels and services involved in calculations where technologies are explicitly referenced are always restricted to the major categories.

The equations follow the logic of the FORTRAN source code very closely to facilitate an understanding of the code and its structure. In several instances, a variable name will appear on both sides of an equation. This is a FORTRAN programming device that allows a previous calculation to be updated (for example, multiplied by a factor) and re-stored under the same variable name. The equations are discussed in the text of Chapter 4. The variables appearing in the equations are cross-referenced and fully defined in Appendix A, Table A-1.

Floorspace Equations

Logistic Building Survival Function:

$$CMSurvRate(b, y - y_0) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y - y_0}{CMAvgAge(b)} \right)^{CMGamma(b)}} \quad (\text{B - 1})$$

$y_0 \equiv \text{year of construction}$

Backcast CBECs year existing floorspace to new construction in original year of construction:

$$CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y'} = \frac{CBECsFlrSp_{r,b,v}}{CMSurvRate(b, CBECsYear - y')} \quad (\text{B - 2})$$

$y' \equiv \text{original year of construction} = CMVintage_{r,b,v}$

where v ranges over each of the nine floorspace vintage ranges and represents the median year of construction within the intervals of: 1) prior to 1900; 2) 1900-1919; 3) 1920-1945; 4) 1946-1959; 5) 1960-1969; 6) 1970-1979; 7) 1980-1989; 8) 1990-1995; and 9) 1996-1999. In this case, y' ranges from 1825 through 1999.

Previously-constructed floorspace surviving into the current year:

$$SurvFloorTotal_{r,b,y} = \sum_{y' = CMOldestBldgVint}^{y-1} [CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y'} \cdot CMSurvRate(b, y - y')] \quad (\text{B - 3})$$

First iteration estimate of new floorspace construction:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{CMNewFloorSpace}_{r,b,y} &= CMTotalFlsp_{r,b,CBECsYear} \\ &\cdot \frac{\sum_{b'} [DRItCBECs_{b,b'} \cdot MC_COMMFLSP_{r,b',y}]}{\sum_{b'} [DRItCBECs_{b,b'} \cdot MC_COMMFLSP_{r,b',CBECsYear}]} \\ &- SurvFloorTotal_{r,b,y} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B - 4})$$

Note the use of the tilde (~) indicates the first estimate of a variable that is iteratively calculated twice in the system of equations B-4 through B-10.

First iteration estimate of total commercial floorspace:

$$CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y}^{\sim} = \text{MAX} \left(CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y}^{\sim}, 0 \right) \quad (\text{B - 5})$$

$$CMTotalFlspc_{r,b,y}^{\sim} = SurvFloorTotal_{r,b,y} + CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y}^{\sim} \quad (\text{B - 6})$$

Ratio between Macro Model and first estimate Commercial Module floorspace growth rates:

$$CDRatio_r = \left(\frac{MC_COMMFLSP_{r,1,y}}{MC_COMMFLSP_{r,1,CBECsYear}} \right) \div \left(\frac{\sum_b CMTotalFlspc_{r,b,y}^{\sim}}{\sum_b CMTotalFlspc_{r,b,CBECsYear}} \right) \quad (\text{B - 7})$$

Where the value of 1 for the middle subscript of MC_COMMFLSP denotes the Census division total commercial floorspace, across all NEMS MAM building types.

$$CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y} = CMTotalFlspc_{r,b,CBECsYear} \cdot \frac{\sum_{b'} [DRtoCBECs_{b,b'} \cdot MC_COMMFLSP_{r,b',y}]}{\sum_{b'} [DRtoCBECs_{b,b'} \cdot MC_COMMFLSP_{r,b',CBECsYear}]} \cdot CDRatio_r - SurvFloorTotal_{r,b,y} \quad (\text{B - 8})$$

Revised forecast of new commercial floorspace construction and total floorspace:

$$CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y} = \text{MAX} \left(CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y}, 0 \right) \quad (\text{B - 9})$$

$$CMTotalFlspc_{r,b,y} = SurvFloorTotal_{r,b,y} + CMNewFloorSpace_{r,b,y} \quad (\text{B - 10})$$

Service Demand Equations

Total Energy Use Intensities:

$$ComEUI_{r,b,s,F} = \sum_{f \in \{ Major Fuels \}} ComEUI_{r,b,s,f} \quad (B - 11)$$

where $f \equiv CMnumMajFl + 1$, is used to store the total across all major fuels

Split Office Equipment EUI into PC and Non-PC:

If BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI ≥ 0 Then

$$\begin{aligned} ComEUI_{r,b,s=NonPCOffEq,f} &= ComEUI_{r,b,s=PCOffEq,f} \cdot (1 - BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI) \\ ComEUI_{r,b,s=PCOffEq,f} &= ComEUI_{r,b,s=PCOffEq,f} \cdot BaseYrPCShrofOffEqEUI \end{aligned} \quad (B - 12)$$

for $f \in \{ Major Fuels \}$

Otherwise, unchanged

Total consumption by end-use in CBECSyear:

$$CforStotal_{[r,s]} = \sum_b [ComEUI_{r,b,s,F} \cdot CMTotalFls_{pc_{r,b,CBECSyear}}] \quad (B - 13)$$

End-use fuel consumption in CBECSyear in buildings to which particular equipment is restricted:

$$CforSrestrict_{[t,v,r,s]} = \sum_b [ComEUI_{r,b,s,F} \cdot CMTotalFls_{pc_{r,b,CBECSyear}} \cdot (1 - EquipRestriction_{t,v,b,r})] \quad (B - 14)$$

if $Techavailability_{t,v,l} \leq CBECSyear$

Revise initial equipment market shares to reflect building restrictions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b,s,t,v} = \text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b,s,t,v} \cdot \frac{C_{forStotal}}{C_{forSrestrict}}, \\
 & \text{if } \text{EquipRestriction}_{t,v,b,r} = 0 \\
 & \text{and } \text{TechAvailability}_{t,v,l} \leq \text{CBECSyear}
 \end{aligned} \tag{B - 15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{TechShareofService}_{r,b,s,t,v} = \frac{\text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b,s,t,v}}{\sum_{b'} \sum_{t',v'} \text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b',s,t',v'}} \\
 & \text{if } \text{TechAvailability}_{t',v',l} \leq \text{CBECSyear} \\
 & \text{and } \text{TechAvailability}_{t,v,l} \leq \text{CBECSyear}
 \end{aligned} \tag{B - 16}$$

Here, b' is used as an alternative NEMS Commercial Module building type index rather than as a NEMS MAM building type index, in order to represent an expression that depends both on a particular building type and a summation over all building types.

Average Equipment Efficiency in the CBECS base year by fuel, end-use, building type, and Census division:

$$\text{AverageEfficiencyBASE}_{r,b,s,f} = \frac{\sum_{\forall t,v \ni \text{FuelbyTech}(t,f)=1} \text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b,s,t,v}}{\sum_{\forall t,v \ni \text{FuelbyTech}(t,f)=1} \left(\frac{\text{TechShareofServiceBASE}_{r,b,s,t,v}}{\text{TechEff}_{r,f,t,v}} \right)} \tag{B - 17}$$

Number of years to shift technology availability based on parameter assumptions for Price-Induced Technological Change:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{YearsForward}_{t,v,y} \equiv & \\
 & IFMAX, \quad \text{if } IFMAX \leq \text{Shiftyears}_{t,v} \\
 & \text{ShiftYears}_{t,v}, \quad \text{if } \text{YearsForward}_{t,v,y-1} < \text{ShiftYears}_{t,v} < IFMAX \\
 & \text{YearsForward}_{t,v,y-1}, \quad \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{B - 130}$$

Where *IFMAX* is the user parameter specifying the maximum number of years a technology can potentially be advanced. *YearsForward* is adjusted to a smaller number of years if its application causes model *v* of technology class *t* to become available before the persistent price increase is projected to occur.

Appendix D. Model Abstract

Model Name:

Commercial Sector Demand Model

Model Acronym:

None

Description:

The NEMS Commercial Sector Demand Module is a simulation tool based upon economic and engineering relationships that models commercial sector energy demands at the nine Census division level of detail for eleven distinct categories of commercial buildings. Commercial equipment selections are performed for the major fuels of electricity, natural gas, and distillate fuel, for the major services of space heating, space cooling, water heating, ventilation, cooking, refrigeration, and lighting. The market segment level of detail is modeled using a constrained life-cycle cost minimization algorithm that considers commercial sector consumer behavior and time preference premiums. The algorithm also models the minor fuels of residual oil, liquefied petroleum gas, steam coal, motor gasoline, and kerosene, the renewable fuel sources of wood and municipal solid waste, and the minor services of office equipment (with a separate breakout of personal computers), and "other" in less detail than the major fuels and services. Distributed generation and combined heat and power are represented using a detailed cumulative positive cash-flow approach to model penetration of distributed resources. Numerous specialized considerations are incorporated, including the effects of changing building shell efficiencies, and consumption to provide district services.

Purpose of the Model:

As a component of the National Energy Modeling System integrated forecasting tool, the NEMS Commercial Module generates mid-term forecasts of commercial sector energy demand. The model facilitates policy analysis of energy markets, technological development, environmental issues, and regulatory development as they impact commercial sector energy demand.

Most Recent Model Update:

October 2004.

Part of Another Model?

National Energy Modeling System (NEMS)

Model Interfaces:

Receives inputs from the Electricity Market Module, Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module, Petroleum Market Module, Coal Market Module, and Macroeconomic Activity Module within NEMS. Outputs are provided to the Electricity Market Module, Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Module, Petroleum Market Module, Coal Market Module, and Integrating Module.

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Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, *Model Documentation Report: Commercial Sector Demand Model of the National Energy Modeling System*, DOE/EIA-M066(2005) (Washington, D.C., May 2005).

Archive Media and Installation Manual(s):

The Module is archived on compact disk storage compatible with the PC multiprocessor computing platform upon completion of the NEMS production runs to generate the Annual Energy Outlook for 2005 (AEO2005).

Energy System Described:

Domestic commercial sector energy consumption.

Coverage:

- Geographic: Nine Census divisions: New England, Mid Atlantic, East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central, Mountain, Pacific
- Time Unit/Frequency: Annual, 1990 through 2025
- Products: Electricity, natural gas, distillate, residual oil, liquefied petroleum gas, coal, motor gasoline, kerosene, wood, municipal solid waste
- Economic Sectors: Eleven Building Categories: Assembly, Education, Food Sales, Food Services, Health Care, Lodging, Large Office, Small Office, Mercantile & Service, Warehouse, Other. Ten Services: Space Heating, Space Cooling, Water Heating, Ventilation, Cooking, Lighting, Refrigeration, PC-Related Office Equipment, NonPC-Related Office Equipment, Other.

Modeling Features

- Model Structure: Sequential calculation of forecasted commercial floorspace, service demand, distributed resource penetration, technology choice, and end-use consumption
- Modeling Technique: Simulation of technology choice by decision type, within a service, within a building and Census division, for the current year of the forecast. Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey 1995 and 1999 data are used for initial floorspace, market shares, fuel shares, district service shares. Engineering analyses used for initial efficiency estimates
- Special Features: Technology choice data base and simulation technique is capable of accommodating an extensive range of policy analyses, including but not limited to demand-side management capital incentives, tax credits, and equipment efficiency standards.

Model Inputs

- Commercial sector floorspace growth by Census division and building type
- Description of floorspace categorization to enable mapping to DOE sources
- Commercial sector existing equipment characteristics, including typical equipment capacity, installed capital cost, operating and maintenance (O&M) cost, expected physical lifetime
- Equipment research and development (R&D) advances and projected dates of introduction
- Base year floorspace by Census division, building type, building age cohort, energy-consuming characteristics
- Base year district service consumption totals and relative shares
- Base year Energy Use Intensity (EUI) by Census division, building type, and energy service

- Base year equipment stock characteristics by Census division and energy service
- Base year energy consumption for calculation of nonbuilding consumption to benchmark
- Historical commercial sector quantities of electricity generated by Census division, generating fuel, and building type
- Annual consumption of fuels for combined heat and power by Census division and building type
- Current status of commercial sector generating facilities
- Current outlook for commercial sector generating capacity, to determine planned and unplanned additions to capacity
- Forecasted commercial sector renewable energy demand, by renewable source and energy service
- Parameter inputs for functional equations, including short-run elasticity parameters, building survival parameters, distributed generation penetration, financing and learning parameters, behavioral parameters.

Non-DOE Input Sources:

F.W. Dodge

- Description of floorspace categorization to enable mapping to DOE sources
- Non-residential building construction starts for development of building survival parameters

Arthur D. Little Technical Reports, EPRI Technical Assessment Guide, GRI Baseline Data Book, Navigant Consulting, Inc. Technical Reports, ONSITE SYCOM CHP report (references provided in Appendix C to this report)

- Commercial sector existing equipment characteristics, including typical equipment capacity, installed capital cost, operating and maintenance (O&M) cost, expected physical lifetime, based on data from the years 1990-2004
- Equipment research and development (R&D) advances and projected dates of model introduction, projections for technology availability encompassing the years 2005-2025.

DOE Input Sources:

Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS), 1999 characteristics and building-level consumption, 1995 end-use energy consumption

- Base year floorspace by Census division, building type, building age cohort, energy-consuming characteristics
- Base year district service consumption totals and relative shares
- Base year Energy Use Intensity (EUI) by Census division, building type, and energy service

Independent Expert Reviews Conducted:

Independent Expert Reviews of *Commercial Sector Component Design Report, July 31, 1992* conducted by David Belzer, Pacific Northwest Laboratory; Richard E. Jones, Office of Building Technologies, Conservation and Renewable Energy; James E. McMahon, Ph.D., Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory; Robert P. Trost, Ph.D., and Inderjit Kundra, Office of Statistical Standards.

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